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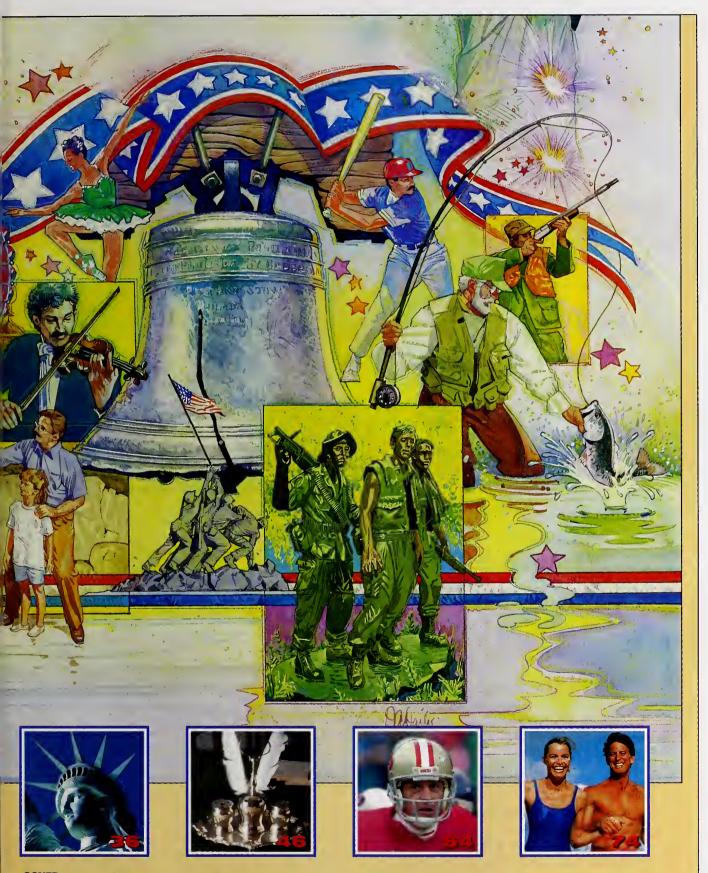
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Nat'l. Comdr. Daniel A. Ludwig

treedom is something gloriously unique to each one of us.



Let Freedom Ring

REEDOM. Perhaps there is no other word that so exhilarates us, and unites us as Americans. As a community of veterans and patriots, we in The American Legion tend to think of freedom as what our fallen comrades died for, what our nation always strives for, what we ourselves joined the military to protect. All of those are strong, valid sentiments.

But there is another side to freedom that is too often overlooked, which is ironic because that other side happens to be what motivated most of us to serve our great country in the first place. I'm referring to the supreme *joy* of freedom—the countless ways we use our freedom as individuals.

Though we usually speak of freedom in abstract terms, it's important to note that freedom is not an end in itself but rather a means to an end. It's the key that allows us to unlock our individuality. To be sure, freedom offers certain basic, generic benefits, many of which represent priceless landmarks in the history of mankind. Among these are freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom of assembly. At the same time, freedom is something gloriously unique to each of us because each one of us chooses to do something uniquely glorious with our own freedom.

Students of American culture have said that what most distinguishes America from other nations is our passionate love of our leisure time. There is a vitality, a youthful exuberance to Americans in the course of their leisure activities that's admired—or envied—the world over.

Because America is a free nation, we are able to pursue our interests and our hobbies. We can take the kids or grandkids to a ballgame if we want to, or hop in the car for a weekend getaway, or listen to a certain kind of music almost nobody else likes. For the most part, we can go for a moonlight stroll without fear of facing sniper fire from a nearby rooftop. We can choose our line of work, and if we work hard enough at it, we can drive the kinds of cars we like to drive, wear the kinds of clothes we like to wear, eat the kinds of foods we like to eat.

These are not trivial matters. In a world still governed to a large extent by tyranny, such seemingly commonplace privileges are a godsend—as Karin Winward suggests in her letter to September's Vetvoice.

Which brings me to this special issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. In many respects, it is one of the most ambitious and important projects ever undertaken by our magazine. In it, we attempt to provide a comprehensive look at freedom. To aid us in this effort, we have solicited comment from some of today's foremost authorities on the subject.

I urge you to read the various articles with your children and grandchildren. It is my hope that this issue will help give them a full appreciation of what freedom is about: its risks and rewards, its high points and unavoidable trade-offs.

Freedom has never been an easy road; it remains difficult today. There is no understating the sacrifices involved in maintaining, let alone spreading, freedom and democracy. Our experiences overseas serve as daily reminders of this sad truth. But when we talk about freedom, let us not forget what we're actually talking about: the right to enjoy your life as you see fit, provided that your quest for fulfillment doesn't trespass on the rights and needs of others.

For in the end, personal freedom is synonomous with the "pursuit of happiness." It's an ideal the Founders believed important enough to include in the Declaration of Independence, right alongside the likes of life and liberty. We would do well to remember that belief. Many of our brothers and sisters died defending it.

It's fitting that this issue represents my final Commander's Message to you. It has been a whirlwind of a tour, with stops ranging from a remote airstrip in Bosnia to a spectacular new Legion Baseball complex in Brooklyn, N.Y. Above all, it has been a team effort involving literally thousands of you. I am proud to have been at the helm during this turbulent time of CFA and the Bosnia recruitment effort and the new GI Bill of Health. It is an honor I would never have imagined.

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fear and loathing among soldiers, many of them reservists, who were sent packing after flunking fitness tests.

Until 1995, underachievers got a second chance to pass the test, but apparently an Army career definitely hinges on the survival of the

HOUSING UPGRADES

ETTER military housing has become a top priority at least on Capitol Hill. Senators recently ordered the Air Force to spend \$250,000 to build better barracks rather than new officers guarters at Hurlbert Field, Fla.

The committee also told the Navy and Air Force to spend \$3 million on family housing, and not on offices for housing officials.

Meanwhile, House members added \$400 million to the 1997 defense budget to improve barracks, dining halls and other troop facilities. And thanks to earlier legislation, the Navy is contracting with private developers in Texas, Washington and Oregon to build hundreds of new townhomes for troops and their families. But with thousands still on housing waiting lists, supply remains far short of demand.

DEATH PENALTY RECONSIDERED



FTER a 35-year hiatus, the military may resume executing prisoners convicted of capital crimes. The

Supreme Court in June upheld a directive issued by former President Ronald Reagan that identified aggravating factors in the commission of crimes warranting the death penalty.

The ruling was a defeat for Army Pvt. Dwight Loving, whose lawyers argued that only Congress has authority to determine factors that warrant the extreme punishment. Loving was convicted in 1988 of slaying two men during separate robberies near Fort Hood, Texas. Loving is one of nine service members on death row at Fort Leavenworth,

Kan. He plans to appeal his case to Army Secretary Togo West.

SPECIALIZED PAY



HOULD the military pay more for troops with scarce skills? The 8th Quadrennial Review of Military

Compensation is pondering that question as it looks at military pay and the services growing need for specialized personnel.

The commission, which reviews military pay every four years, is considering whether changes in the pay formula would help the services attract and retain troops with expertise in high technology fields.

Pentagon officials worry that military pay in high-tech fields has not kept pace with pay in comparable civilian jobs.

Traditionally, military pay is based on rank and length of service, but the services long have used financial bonuses to attract and retain key personnel from doctors to pilots.

The pay panel is scheduled to report to the president this fall.

RECRUITING WORS



SURVEY of young people in four U.S. cities shows fewer of them are

inclined to join the military. Among the reasons they gave for shunning the services: early rising, strenuous exercise, fear of verbal abuse, enduring stereotypes of a harsh military lifestyle and little enthusiasm for peacekeeping and other missions they perceive as fighting someone else s battles.

Money for education continues to be a popular attraction to the military. The Defense Department hopes better advertising can turn around some of the negative perceptions many may have about a military career.

IN THE NEWS



LANS to merge all military exchanges into a single system to cut costs have hit a snag the

Marines, who vow not to surrender control of their own exchanges. The Navy quietly scrapped a 14-year-old requirement that sailors wear fire-retardant dungarees this summer, citing high cost and low effectiveness after a few launderings. A new sizing formula makes uniforms for female Marines closer in size to civilian clothes and turns formerly size 10 Marines into size sixes. Withdrawal from Panama may encourage the Air Force to phase out the C-27 Spartan cargo plane, which flies mainly in Latin America. The arsenal ship is steaming full speed ahead, at least on paper, where Navy planners have assigned it high priority. Marines are eyeing Australia as a possible location for a new base that would provide quick access to East Asia. With computer crimes rising, the Air Force has opened a new computer forensics lab to hunt down hackers who illegally tap into military computer systems vital to our national security.

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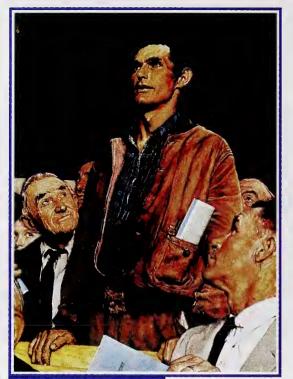
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Breaking Free

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going on today.

The United States took a major part in four 20th century wars to defend freedom. We have to remember that freedom does not come cheap in money or lives. The American flag will fly everywhere around this old world to defend and preserve our freedoms.

Abraham Littman Tamarac, Fla.

Colorblind

S I watch my three stepchildren prepare to grab the piñata their father, Domingo, has made, my soul is refreshed. The children line up with their friends and their innocent laughter fills the afternoon.

A small, frail black child—my nephew—misses the piñata and his eyes well up as he walks to the end of the line. Suddenly, a tall, freckle-faced boy reaches high for the bounty as another yells out, "Higher! Higher!"

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Just an ordinary day, but to this old

Southern gal, it is what freedom means to me: The freedom to be.

Christy Vanderbilt Valles Clovis, N.M.

Semper Noel

NE year just before Christmas, I asked an Italian who immigrated to America early in this century, "Frank, when are you going to celebrate Christmas?"

His sincere reply: "In America, every day is Christmas."

Eugene L. Datthyn Sodus, N.Y.

Choices

T 6:30 in the morning, my radio starts playing. It's tuned to my favorite station. After a shower, I eat breakfast. I've decided on grapefruit juice, a bagel with cream cheese and some fruit. I could have cereal, but I had that yesterday.

It's time to go to work. I start a new job today. I decided to resign from my old job a week ago. My new position offers more money, more paid holidays, advancement, a retirement plan, insurance and other benefits my old job didn't have.

It's after work now, and I could go grocery shopping or go to the mall and window shop or buy a new outfit. Maybe I should go to the gym or perhaps stop at my favorite fast-food restaurant. So many opportunities. So many choices.

I think I'll pick up the family, get some chicken and go to the park. We will eat, play, talk and enjoy the weather and being with each other.

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Karin Winward Warner Robins, Ga. Please turn page

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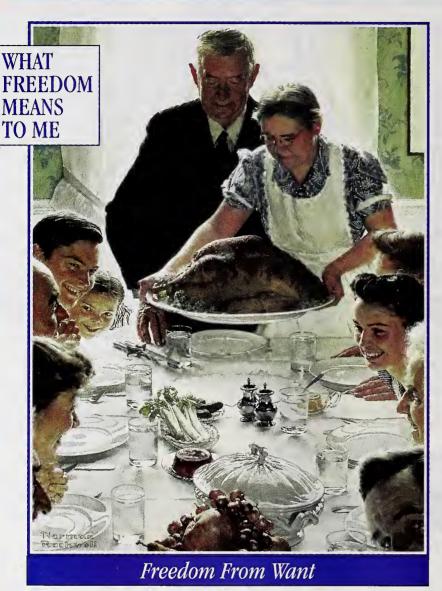
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Every day I see children at the orphanage across the street whose parents were killed because someone wanted to take freedom away. They lived without freedom for over three years, but now, since American soldiers are here, they have freedom to play in the field next to their orphanage—a field once filled with mines. They can now look forward to the

freedom of a new life where they don't know war, where they can keep their arms and legs.

Freedom is never hearing the sound of gunfire or artillery.

Freedom is what we American soldiers have given the people of the Balkans. Six months ago, they had no freedom as they hid in their houses, wondering when the enemy would come. Freedom is being able to sleep at night without worrying if you will still have a home tomorrow. Freedom is being able to leave your house in the morning to go to work, knowing your house will still be there when you come home.

Freedom is the most precious thing a person can have. Most of the time, it

is taken for granted. One thing is certain: Once you've seen a person without freedom, you'll fight harder to keep the freedom you have.

SFC Bertan P. Linson APO AE 09789

Freedom Forever?

SELDOM think about freedom. I think about my mortgage, my electric bill, my credit card bill, but freedom? I never received a bill for freedom. Someone else must have paid it.

During the week, I go to work, gripe about my boss, go to church on Sunday and afterward, get together with family and friends. There is not much time left to think about freedom.

You don't suppose we could ever lose our freedom? No, of course not. There will always be those Americans willing to defend it and even die for it. I can just live my life and forget about it.

Čan't I?

Kathleen D. Vain Deptford, N.J.

Coat of Honor

ORN Sept. 9, 1920, I donned a Freedom coat woven by our fore-fathers with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. On Dec. 7, 1941, an attempt was made to strip me of my most precious item of apparel—liberty. On Oct. 12, 1942, I became one of many GIs who took an oath to die rather than give up that coat.

Today, at age 75, I still proudly wear it, never to be outdated.

Robert Ledger Alva, Fla.

The Gift

Y father was only able to buy me one gift. I cannot feel it with my hand, but it touches the spirit of people everywhere. I cannot see it, but I envision it every time Old Glory is unfurled. I cannot listen to it, but it rings throughout the land. I cannot smell it, but it is always a privilege to breath deeply of its invigoration. It has no flavor, but its slightest taste leaves all wanting more.

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Its Solemn Costs

OMETIMES freedom means picnics and parades, going to the church of your choice, selecting a career, or writing a critical letter to the editor of a magazine.

Often, it means leaving home and family behind to don a uniform, hop on a chopper and fly over enemy skies. In 1994, our family was personally touched when we lost a young soldier in the skies over northern Iraq.

Freedom means blood, pain, tears, honor and sacrifice. It is seen in the eyes of those who have lived through battle and in the eyes of those who watch Old Glory being folded carefully after covering the remains of a loved one.

Freedom can be heard in *The Star Spangled Banner* and in *Taps*, or seen as we watch the Stars and Stripes wave proudly in the wind and on the faces of our children as, hands over their hearts, they recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Freedom is America's spirit.

Lynette Rae Ellner Red Bud, Ill.

Opportunity To Dream

Y father did not finish the sixth grade, and worked essentially for minimum wages all his life. His world was small and his dreams primarily consisted of feeding and clothing his family.

I dreamed of a better life and began, sometimes ignorantly, to pursue my dream. I recall the shock on Dad's face when he learned that I had joined the Marine Corps. He served during World War II and knew what military service could mean. But I also remember how proud he was when Mom pinned those gold bars on my collar, and he was just as proud when I received my degree in electrical engineering, though he never fully understood what engineering is all about.

My story is not new or unique. While specifics may differ, many have the same story. Many have dreamed things that mankind throughout history could scarcely imagine, then lived

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their dream.

Freedom means I can dare to dream and live my dream.

Roy D. Boyer Granbury, Texas

We Are Freedom

NEVER knew the real meaning of freedom until I served in the Korean War. When I got away from home, I realized that real freedom means living in a place where "we" means everyone.

It means you know in your heart that wherever you live, wherever you travel, you will never be ashamed to say you are an American. It means pausing every now and then to remember those who made it possible to enjoy our ever-increasing standard of living, and even to protest that which we dislike without fear of punishment

Even though we all get very patriotic during wartime, freedom means having pride in our flag, our nation and our heritage without somebody shooting at us.

Whenever I think about my freedom, I guess it brings out the old patriotic fool in me, because I always stand and take my hat off when the flag passes, I still get a lump in my throat when I hear *The Star Spangled Ban-*

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> Francis Gros Louis Leesburg, Va.

Freedomless

IVING in Yugoslavia while in the foreign service, my family experienced life daily under communism. If you saw something you liked in a shop or market, you bought it, for in most instances you might never see it again. Our household help were periodically interrogated by the police. Contacts and open friendships with the Yugoslavs were difficult because of possible recriminations.

In Uganda, during an attempted coup, we were stopped and ordered out of our official vehicle. A drunken soldier pointed his

automatic weapon at my 7-year-old daughter, laughed and stated he could easily shoot all of us. Only by reasoning with his superior were we allowed to continue on our way.

When I attempted to take a souvenir photograph of Kenyan President Kenyatta, I was attacked by members of his security staff, knocked down and my camera confiscated.

While on assignment as a civilian in Vietnam, I observed the problems of war within a country, and came to appreciate all of the inherent liberties, freedom and peace we have in America.

> Francis J. Domick Hudson, Fla.

The Right Words

H, Lord, your words were perfect. Help me find the right words. I am 75 years old, writing a letter about freedom. This could take hours. I was born free, allowed to choose



Freedom From Fear

my religion, my wife, and political party. I live where I can afford, had as many children as the wife and I wanted and could send them to any school.

I could take my job or leave it, criticize my elected officials, and vote or campaign for or against them. I could join any club, drive anywhere, sit on my porch, front or back if I choose to.

For all this freedom, what is asked of us? Obey the law and defend our freedom if needed. When I return from defending it, my job will be there.

When I see a cop, a soldier, anyone in uniform, I can look them in the eye. ignore them or say hello. When they pass by, I do not need to look back. I do not fear them.

We have a flag. It is only a piece of cloth. I can fly it, wave it, place it in our schools or churches, salute it, or ignore it. No one questions me. This is what freedom means to me.

> Thomas C. Quinn Littlestown, Pa.

A Quest

REEDOM is a never-ending quest to remain free, no matter what the cost or hardship endured by each succeeding American generation. Perhaps

this example will best illustrate what the costs and hardships are.

On Oct. 10, 1990, the cost of freedom paid a visit to my family. On this day, we lost a son, brother and father to the hard, real costs of freedom. Fighting for freedom claimed the life of Capt. Art Reid, a U.S. Air Force F-111 pilot preparing for the upcoming Gulf War.

Art didn't have to report to the Saudi Arabian desert with the first wave of his unit: His wife was seven months pregnant at the time, but Art knew what he had to do. He took a stand for freedom. That was his calling, his time to stand up for what is right, to make the sacrifices necessary to preserve freedom for generations to come.

The rest of the story our family will never forget. Art never returned home to see his newborn son, his first son, his wife, his family, his friends. His name appears on the memorial wall at the Pennsylvania Department of The American Legion, a reminder that the costs of freedom are never cheap, nor to be taken lightly.

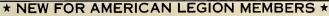
That's the real meaning of freedom. Taking a stand, enduring hardships to see that each future generation has before it the chance to live free and make this world a better place.

God bless Art, and God bless the U.S.A.

> Berkley C. Reid, Jr. Dillsburg, Pa.

Protection

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employment and my family can enjoy the fruits of my labor. They need not fear a dictator-style government.

I have the right to see that my flag is protected, that my home is not invaded, that my privacy is secured. I was taught to respect the rights of others and have taught my children the same respect.

Freedom is not free, but must be protected, respected and cherished by all who possess it. Those who wish to burn my flag, dishonor my country and undermine my rights must remember that just because my rights end where theirs begin, they do not have the right to forfeit the price my fellow Americans and I have already paid for the "flavor" of their freedom.

Marvin E. King Ex-Korean POW Orange, Calif.

To Be Cherished

ERHAPS as a first generation American, I cherish freedom more than the average person. My father escaped from Tsarist Russian police in 1907, after the mayor threatened to send him to Siberia without a trial. Grandpa put him on a horse in the middle of the night and sent him off to Hamburg, Germany, and from there to the United States.

When the godless communists took over, they took the farms away and sent people who resisted to Siberia. Grandfather died somewhere on the steppes.

When the call to colors came, I went off to serve my birth-country. I had the opportunity to serve God and country, without running away from evil power, and to take a stand against oppression. God bless America!

Walter Coronetz Port Charlotte, Fla.

Do Your Part

N Memorial Day, I stand proudly watching our flag being raised as the band plays *The Star Spangled Banner*. Tears come as I think of my two grandfathers and my father doing their part to preserve the freedom of this great nation.

I remind myself that I, too, must do my part to continue our fight to preserve our democracy by being knowledgeable of political events and exercising my freedom to vote.

Freedom is a matter of choices and responsibilities. One must not only consider what is best for himself, but also how his choices and actions will affect others. This is the true meaning of freedom and democracy.

Judy Kay Simbeck Loretto, Tenn.

Future Generations

HE Constitution gives us our rights; freedom gives us the right to select which ideals or decisions we choose to make. Our freedoms were obtained by our ancestors through blood, sweat, and their freedom to choose. They passed this freedom on to this generation.

The task of our generation is to pass this freedom on to future generations. This is why we have to keep freedom alive.

Our freedom of choice is what separates us from every other country. Without the freedom to choose how we want to live, we might as well serve a dictator! We don't have to list our freedoms. We all know what they are. Our primary objective is not to count our freedoms, but to *exercise* them.

Freedom is like a muscle. If you don't use it, it will deteriorate and become useless, but the more you exercise freedom of choice, the stronger it becomes, and the more powerful you are.

Freedom is not a right, but a right to choose. The power is in the right to choose.

Tim Brinkley Spencer, Iowa

Quiet Riches

RECALL many years ago, my walks to school on bright spring days. My arms were filled with tulips and mounds of lilacs for the teacher; I was free to explore the scents and sights of an exciting new world. I marveled at the sun dancing through leaves and Delavan, my home, was a safe and happy place. I was free to grow.

Years later, the innocence of childhood distanced by life's experiences, I watched a squad of helicopters rise from a Vietnam hillside like a swarm of giant insects. Their fiery rockets cut an eerie path through the dense smoke. This was not a safe and happy place, and children here were not free to grow, and I became keenly aware of the blessings of my home in America.

Now my sights are set on retirement. I am surrounded by family, friends, dogs and cats. I am not wealthy, but I am rich beyond belief in my appreciation of my home, my country, and my freedom.

Daniel L. Gibson Milwaukee, Wis.

American Heritage

REEDOM to me is to serve my beloved country, even though I may disagree with certain policies and choices. I would not trade my country for anything in the world. I am very proud to be an American.

On the block where I live, I have an American flag flying 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Sometimes people will honk or say things, but I don't care. I am an American-Mexican. The majority in my neighborhood are Hispanic. Some look at me as a traitor to my Mexican heritage, but that doesn't bother me. I am an American, and I am very proud of my country. Always. I married my country when I joined the Navy. Sometimes I get into arguments, but I let them know they are in the good old United States of America. Regardless of what they throw at me, I throw back, "My country. My flag. My freedom."

I will never give up that right as long as I live.

Jose Jesus Balleza Lynnwood, Ca.

Security

REEDOM is bought at a price. It cost my comrades sweat, blood, limbs and lives. Families were torn apart by missing loved ones, fathers who kissed and hugged their spouses and children, telling them "I'll be home soon," then went off to some foreign land.

Freedom is never forgetting, always remembering. Teaching our children to honor their heritage.

To many in our world, freedom is only a dream, an ideal not so likely to come to fruition. For America, it is our reality, dreams that are reachable, obtainable. It allows me, a husband and father, to nurture my family, guiding them from nursery school to doctorate degrees, going on vacation, seeing America's beauty, and attending worship services without fear of reprisal. It is a lack of fear from being who and what my God intends for me and my family.

The bottom line is being able to

express myself within the bounds of responsibility, respecting the rights and views of my next door neighbors, and voting my conscience from city council to the President.

SSgt Jonathan D. Mix Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

Means The World

ROWING up in this wonderful free country called the United States means the world to me. As I watch the news and read the newspaper every day, I see just how lucky we Americans are.

You don't really appreciate freedom until you are in another country, and then you can see just how great it is here in the U.S.A. As the old saying goes, "You don't miss a really good thing until you lose it."

Our freedom to be educated, to go to the church of our choice, to vote for whom you really like as a candidate, just to walk down the local community streets or visit all 50 states without being questioned is real freedom.

This country is based on equality for all races. Anyone who wants to come to America and can qualify can become a citizen. Freedom is a democracy where all have an equal opportunity to prosper and grow, the right to own a home, a car, or your own business, if you want.

In short, freedom is the right to choose.

Randall L. Anders Middleburg, Fla.

No Bar

REEDOM allowed me, a first-generation American, to volunteer for the Navy Air Cadet program in 1944 at age 17. I washed out and was honorably discharged at Bikini Atoll in 1946.

Freedom allowed me to marry in 1947, be accepted at the New York Police Department in 1955, to be promoted to sergeant in 1972, attend college beginning in 1974 and both graduate and retire from the police department in 1980 at the age of 53.

Now I have the freedom to enjoy my time with my Scotland-born wife, our two sons, two daughters, our grandson and five granddaughters.

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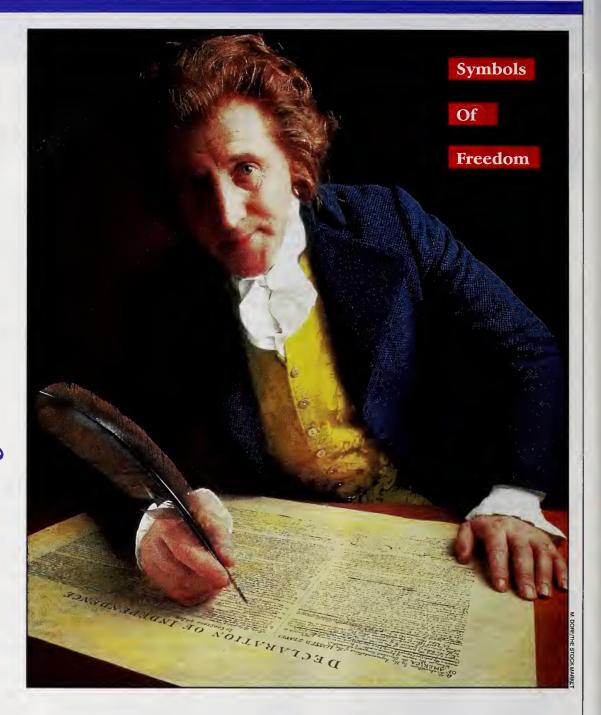
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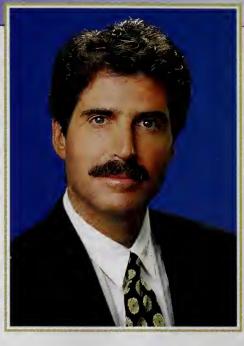
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BY John Stossel STARTED as a consumer reporter about 25 years ago. And like most young reporters, I approached business with the idea that markets are basically cruel—that consumers are preyed upon—and the job of the reporter is to encourage government to protect the consumer.

Of course there were plenty of examples I could point out where consumers were getting screwed. Twenty years ago, if you asked people what they took for an upset stomach, they'd say "Alka-Seltzer" because the company had great advertising. So we called some stomach doctors of our own and asked, "Would you recommend Alka-Seltzer for an upset stomach?" And the consensus was, no, they wouldn't. "Well why not?" Because they said, Alka-Seltzer is basically aspirin plus baking soda. Baking soda is a great antacid, aspirin is a great pain killer. But suppose you have a bleeding ulcer? Aspirin makes your stomach bleed a little bit. So you take Alka-Seltzer, it kills the pain, but four hours later your stomach is bleeding more. Now you're *really* in pain. And what do you do? You take more Alka-Seltzer. It's good for the company but bad for you.

Meanwhile, the coffee association was advertising coffee as the drink that "picks you up and calms you down." So we called up and said, How can you say that? It's contradictory. They said they had research that backs it up. What research? we asked. They told us they did a survey asking thousands of people, "What do you get out of your coffee break?" And some people said it picked them up, and some people said it calmed them down....

So I thought, this is why we have to have consumer reporters, an activist government, a Federal Trade Commission to police the advertising. I believed all of that—until I watched them all work. And I'm embarrassed



to say, it took me too many years before I saw the damage the regulators were doing.

First of all, they consume vast amounts of money, not just the taxes to pay the bureaucrats, but the money that business spends trying to comply. That's bad for America. Because the drug industry, to use just one example, ought to be using its money and its energies to make pharmaceuticals better or cheaper. And it's that kind of lost energy that suffocates the economy. There's something about killing off the free market that kills people's spirit.

HAT finally convinced me that regulation makes no sense is that it didn't have any effect on the real crooks. The good companies that would be around for years, they spent the money to hire the lawyers to fill out all the forms. And the cheaters kept cheating. The people selling the breast enlargers and the lose-fat-while-you-sleep pills kept getting away with it. The attorneys-general would go after them and they'd just hide behind their lawyers for a few years, then change the company name or switch products or move to a different state and do it all again.

And what do the regulators accomplish when they eventually do act? Let's take one example. A couple of years ago, all the various pharmaceutical companies that make aspirin were promoting their respective products as "the best." They made other claims, too. Anacin, for example, said it was a "tension reliever." And basically, the evidence is that they're all alike. They all work, but none is superior to another.

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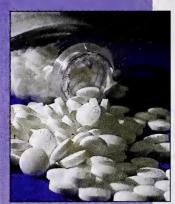
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HEAD LINES—Historically, many aspirin makers tried to promote their individual headache remedies as "better" than those of their competitors, even though the active ingredient—aspirin—was the same in each product.

demanding corrective advertising. Ideally, this advertising would have been something like, "Contrary to our prior ads, Anacin is not a tension reliever." But we never saw those ads, and after nine years of litigation, the government dropped the case. Everybody signed a consent order. That's one of those deals where you say you don't admit doing anything wrong, but you won't do it anymore.

So who won in this situation? The lawyers won. There were some nice houses built on that litigation. Did the public win? Well, the ads are cleaner now. But I argue that they would have been cleaner anyway. Companies sue

each other complaining about false claims. Better Business Bureaus get involved. The press starts making fun of companies that lie. The market polices itself.

The more I watched the market work, the more impressed I was with its speed and flexibility compared with government solutions. It often was almost magical in the way it solved problems. It solved them in areas where you would never think market forces would work to help the public.

One example is the profit-driven television companies that have employed me as a consumer reporter. They get all their revenue from advertising. You'd think they would allow advertis-

ers to do whatever they wanted, but they don't. In fact, they reject half the ads submitted to them. Networks demand studies for any medical claims. They demand changes. Ford

glass company ran ads saying, "Look how clear our car window glass is," which was fine except that they shot the ads with the windows rolled down! The networks don't allow that anymore. They turn these ads down because they want a good climate for their serious advertisers; they don't want to be thought of as an environment for sleaze. The market polices itself.

Another surprise for me was that I was allowed to have a job in the first place. I was a consumer reporter, criticizing the very people who paid ABC and CBS and NBC—I've worked at all three networks. And they allowed it, even though I cost them money in advertising. Advertisers would say, "I can't

stand what that Stossel said, we're pulling out a half million dollars worth of advertising." After I reported on this aspirin story noted previously, Bristol Myers sued me for \$23 million. You would think CBS, where I was working at the time, would say, "Stossel ain't worth this." But they didn't. Why? Because customers like the consumer reporting. Their perception was that more people would watch a news program that gave honest information about everything.

If information gets out, information solves problems without the government getting involved. Alka-Seltzer is no longer the best seller. At the time we did the story, we asked the doctors, what *should* people take? They said, the magnesium-aluminum compounds. Sure enough, today, those are the best sellers—products like Di-gel and Mylanta.

HEN consumer reporting started, Ralph Nader said, "You'll never have consumer reporting on commercial television. It will have to be on public television because the networks won't offend their advertisers." What happened? There's almost no consumer reporting on *public* television because the bureaucrats are too timid. They don't want to take the heat for offending someone. But there are consumer reporters on almost every local commercial station, because the market works.

Many people will say, fine, information can solve simple problems like that, but when it comes to more serious issues—whether we live or die—that's too important to leave to the vagaries of the market; that's why we need government. We need an EPA, they say. We need a DEA. We need OSHA to keep industry from killing its workers and an FDA to protect us from bad drugs.

All this once sounded reasonable to me, but again, I've now started to think that the regulators don't make life safer. They make life *less* safe, in all kinds of ways, because they interfere with the market. And when you do that, you get nasty, unexpected side effects.

Let's take two areas where almost everyone agrees regulation is absolutely useful and necessary. Let's look first at the drug laws. I'm glad America sends out the message that cocaine is illegal. I'm glad the government makes it illegal for my son to run down to the neighborhood crack store and get high. I think that may deter him. But I'm not so sure. The drugs, after all, are not hard to get. And it just may be that their illegality is something that attracts kids.

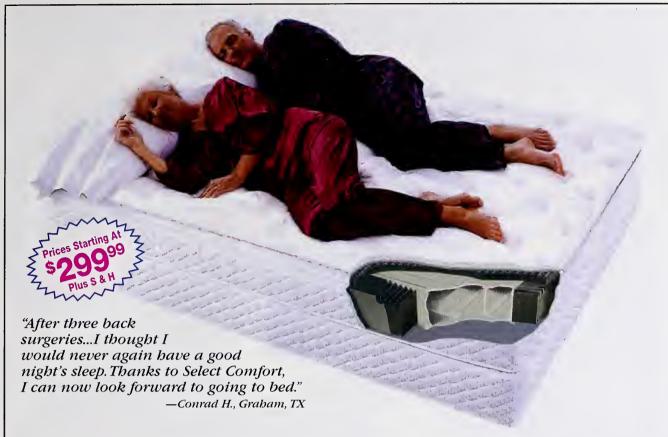
In any case, let's look at the side effects of interfering with the market. The crime is all from black-market distribution of the drugs. It's not from the drugs themselves. Nicotine



SHAKY LOGIC—The coffee industry asked the public to believe that coffee could "pick you up and calm you down." This argument rested on "research" that was anything but scientific.



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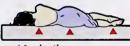
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PEOPLE'S CHOICE—Ideally, the FOA could serve as an informational resource to consumers, simply telling them which drugs are recommended and which aren't. This would streamline the approval process for worthwhile drugs, yet still give people the advice they need for making safe, intelligent buying decisions.

We are killing people with rules. What's the alternative? Not have an FDA? I'd argue yes. But there's a less drastic solution

is supposed to be just as addictive as heroin, but nobody is holding up their 7-Eleven stores to buy Marlboros. The crime comes from people having to *steal* to get the money to buy illegal drugs. The police, in turn, are distracted and sometimes corrupt. We're asking cops who are making \$30,000 a year to turn down bribes of \$100,000. Kids who live in poor neighborhoods are being taught that work is for suckers: You're a chump if you work at McDonald's for five bucks an hour. The coolest guy in the neighborhood, some 12-year-old, is making five bucks a second as a drug lookout. And we're creating huge, unbelievably rich street gangs. We forget that Al Capone and organized crime were basically created by Prohibition. The gangs we're creating now make Al Capone look destitute. These gangs soon will be rich enough to buy nuclear weapons.

The purpose of the law, the ideology, is that we must protect Americans from themselves. But if it's a good thing for the government to do that, why are tobacco and liquor OK? If it's good to protect us from ourselves, why not outlaw steak? Fat is dangerous. Why not have the exercise police come into your home and make you run laps or do push-ups?

Let's move on to legal drugs. We all feel safer because the FDA is there to protect us from the bad stuff. For the record, the FDA grew dramatically in size after the Thalidomide tragedy. It's true that they kept Thalidomide, which caused all those terrible birth defects, out of America. However, the FDA didn't do it because they were so smart. They were just so slow in their approval process that by the time they were getting ready to OK it, the bad effects had already shown themselves elsewhere. Still they used

this cry, "Remember Thalidomide"—like "Remember the Alamo"—as the justification for their huge bureaucracy.

I'm glad they kept out Thalidomide and a few other things that may have harmed me. But was it worth it? I don't think so. Because no one looks at the other side of the equation.

There are thousands of products we don't have that might save lives. The clearest examples are the heart drugs, the beta blockers. When the FDA finally approved them, they announced proudly that these new drugs will save 17,000 American lives a year. Why did no one at that press conference say, "Wait a second—doesn't that mean that last year you *killed* 17,000 people because you wouldn't approve it?" Nobody asks those questions because we look at only one side of the equation.

We are killing people with rules.

What's the alternative? Not have an FDA? I'd argue yes. But there's a less drastic solution. Why can't the FDA be an information agency instead of a police agency? Companies that want to get FDA approval would submit their drugs through the process and those of us who are conservative would only take the drugs that bear the FDA's stamp of approval. They could even require all other drugs to have a skull and cross bones on them. But at least you'd be allowed to experiment. AIDS patients, for instance, could try a new drug, and we would learn from that. I would argue further that you don't even need the FDA to do that, because governments don't do things well. If you just got rid of them, private organizations would spring up, like Underwriter's Laboratories or Consumer Reports. They could do the job better, quicker and cheaper.

HE market is better at letting people make their own decisions. You may say that's fine for educated people, but what about others who don't have the information to make wise decisions? Again, the market works in surprising ways. Take cars, which are very complicated. Yet nobody buying a car, any brand in America, really gets shafted. The best car Communist planners could produce was the Tribot—East Germany's pride and joy. Well, as soon as the Berlin wall fell, they were out of business. That's because the *worst* American car, produced by a free market, was better than what the politicians could come up with.

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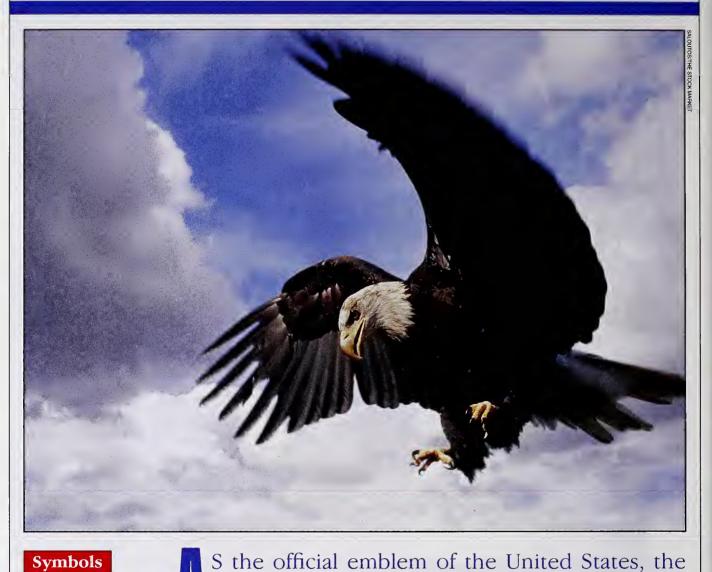
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By confusing opportunity with outcome, America's leaders are diluting the potency of our landmark system. We need to get back in touch with the Founders' notions of freedom, says this long-time Washington insider.

By Jack Kemp



T THE TURN of the last century, Emile Zola, in his famous outcry against the anti-Semitism manifest in the French Army's conspiracy to convict Cap-

tain A. Dreyfus of treason, spoke to the inevitable triumph of truth over prejudice: "Truth is on the march and nothing will stop it," Zola declared. At the time, the French people were polarized over the controversy, which presented them with a moral choice between the life of one man and the reputation of the French Army.

As America approaches the turn of the next century, we face many similar controversies—controversies which

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challenge us to make a moral choice between political expediency and the inalienable right to liberty. On the one hand, fortified by our great heritage as well as global events occurring at breakneck speed, we can paraphrase Zola with equal conviction: "Freedom is on the march and nothing will stop it." On the other hand, we must be careful not to miss here at home what has become so clear to millions abroad.

Historically, every form of government or social structure that refused to recognize freedom as a basic human right has failed, whether it be the enslavement of the Israelites in Egypt; the persecution of the Christians in Rome; the oppression of the peasant class by the aristocracy in pre-Revolutionary France; the lack of just representation for the American colonies by the British monarchy; the cruelty of slavery in pre-Civil War America; the abuse of labor in industrial England; the comprehensive manipulation of

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people by the socialist systems in Eastern Europe and in Asia; or the bigotry and evil of apartheid in South Africa. In all of these cases as in countless others, tyranny has always led to its own demise. Either the opposed are driven to the point of revolt, or the system collapses internally, unable to supply the



general welfare of a nation.

Standing well apart from this dismal record of failure is the American Constitution. The enduring success of American government flows from the concept of liberty upon which it was founded—the "self-evident" truths which Thomas Jefferson invoked as justification for the Declaration of Inde-

nendence.

Here, however, we must make a distinction between two concepts that can sound similar but are vastly different in their implications: *administration* and *leadership*. Government based on administration tends to adhere to a predetermined agenda rather than deferring to the individual constituents when

making decisions that affect the lives of those constituents. In contrast, government based on leadership allows individuals to decide where *they* want to go, then figures out a way to facilitate that journey.

Leadership, in short, is hinged on the precept that people can decide the best—and achieve the best—for themselves and their country.

The engineers of the Constitution kept to this principle when they introduced the revolutionary idea that government should not be designed with the power to bestow happiness or withhold it. Rather, government existed to preserve and honor each individual's freedom to pursue his or her own form of happiness.

Other governments have attempted to more directly oversee the happiness and prosperity which American democracy generally achieved without such supervision. Their attempts proved futile. Indeed, history shows us that we cannot rely on the system to ensure the fundamental virtue and success of our social agenda; that virtue must come from us as individuals. Or, as T.S. Eliot put it, "It is impossible to design a system so perfect that no one needs to be good." (This abiding "goodness" shows up in the responsibilities that go hand in hand with the opportunities of a great democracy such as ours. We will explore those responsibilities in a moment.)

Working against this framework for liberty is the falsely seductive lure of egalitarianism. In an egalitarian society the people's focus is on their

claim to the right of personal freedom. There is nothing essentially wrong with claiming a right; rights, like moral principles, are understood to be basic truths about the human condition.

But when we focus on rights, then equality has an inevitable leveling effect. Though it is seen primarily as a means of protecting our individualitywith no equal, or group of equals, able to dictate anyone else's life—in practice, and rather ironically, our emphasis on individual rights mutes both excellence and growth. Liberty becomes like the pie that everyone is trying to get an equal piece of: a limited resource which needs to be carefully apportioned. Worse, this so-called liberty encourages paranoia: Everyone ends up suspicious of the size of his neighbor's slice of pie.

This "rationed" liberty is a far cry from the economic and social bound-lessness that was the foundation of the American ideal. The Founders did not foresee everyone being leveled to the same position in life. The American ideal contemplated each individual having the same opportunity to rise as high as his effort, initiative and God-given talent would carry him.

Alas, today's zero-sum approach to equality threatens to infect every facet of the American community: our politics, our economy, our culture. In recent years, our nation's leaders have bought into the idea that there are only so many jobs to go around; only so much energy; a fixed amount of prosperity, and a fixed amount of poverty. When we accept these limitations, the pie begins to shrink. And in practice, again, as everyone scrambles for that last piece, the people at the bottom—who enjoyed the least advantageous position to begin with—are the ones hurt most. Thus if anything, we end up with an "equality" that is 180 degrees removed from the grand designs that motivated it.

Our history provides examples of bright shining moments when the nation's attention was focused not on each person's claiming their own rights to equality, but

on honoring the rightful freedom of any and all, people to achieve, to excel, to go as far as their talents will carry them.

In these bright shining moments, the possibilities are endless. The drive to provide equality of means is replaced by the drive to promote equality of opportunity. The latter, to use Lincoln's words, is "a standard maxim for a free society, which should be familiar to all, and revered by all; constantly looked to, constantly labored for, and even though never perfectly attained, constantly ap-



We need to restore a respect for the values which made the American idea of liberty a reality.

proximated, and therefore constantly spreading and deepening its influence, and augmenting the happiness and value of life to all people of all colors everywhere."

Instead of one pie, liberty becomes the ingredient through which everyone can bake his own pie.

N ORDER to revitalize American society, we need to return to an acknowledgment of freedom of opportunity as our moral responsibility.

It is only the ham-handed efforts of government to undertake more and more regulation of economic, social and moral behavior that cut people off from their natural place in the social order. If, instead, we build on the common ground of liberty as defined herein, we can get people above the things that

divide them; as a nation, we can reach a higher understanding in which the pursuit of individual excellence is recognized as being good for the country as a whole. This will go a long way toward eliminating the natural suspicions of one's neighbors— "What do they have that we don't have?"—

that tend to afflict an egalitarian society. Rather, we can focus on everyone doing his best and encouraging others to do likewise.

It is important to note that this does not imply an economic system which operates without a sense of social responsibility. Opportunity implies more than an all-out quest for individual fulfillment; nor is prosperity just a way of increasing one's creature comforts. Prosperity helps free us from circumstances over which we have no control. That opportunity, in turn, lets us pay attention to the higher things in life—meeting obligations to family, providing our children with greater hope for a better life, passing on the richness of life to others. It means better homes, better schools, better neighborhoods. This is the genius of economic freedom from which every nation can benefit.

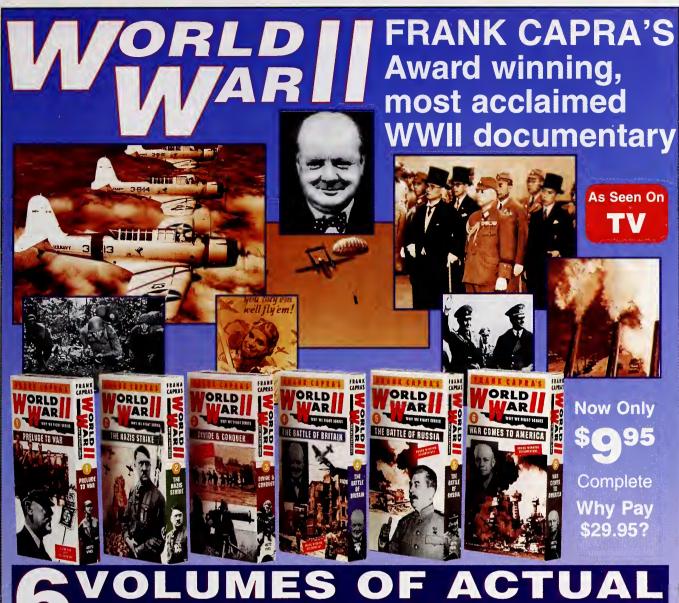
No one succeeds at the expense of others. Everyone benefits from his neighbor's good fortune. You can look at it as the common ground on which to build a stable community, or the rising tide that raises all boats.

Of course, this framework of mutual encouragement, in which we assume that what benefits the individual benefits society as well, also presumes something else: a universal commitment to a shared moral fabric. This is not a novel or reactionary thought foist upon us by the so-called "religious right." Jeffersonian democracy presumed a nation of honorable citizens, and recognized that without honor as a key ingredient—without an abiding commitment to worthwhile goals—democracy could not survive.

Culturally, we need to restore respect for the values that made American freedom a reality. In a free society this means we must turn to structures other than the state to instill character, purpose, virtue and charity. These include parents who provide a moral and spiritual example to their children; schools that teach not only the basics of math and history, but also the basics of citizenship and character; and churches and synagogues that uphold a high moral standard.

These enable us to achieve the ideal of the American founding—liberty constrained not by law, but by character.

In the end, liberty is inseparable from responsibility. The promise is that, in all arenas of life, if we will just act responsibly with the principle of freedom—grant unto others that freedom you would have them grant unto you—we can reach the true goal of freedom: "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."



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By Trent D. McNeeley



HE WAR on Poverty. The War on Drugs. The War on Crime. The War on Hunger. The War on Homelessness. Catch-phrases like these bandy about in the media daily,

causing the term "war" to lose much of its impact.

Such was not always the case. World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War—all these conflicts of the 20th Century possess great meaning to those families who sent their sons and daughters off to fight, perhaps to die, in defense of freedom. Conflicts like these demonstrate the true meaning of "war."

Many wonder why the United States wars so often, and so far from home.

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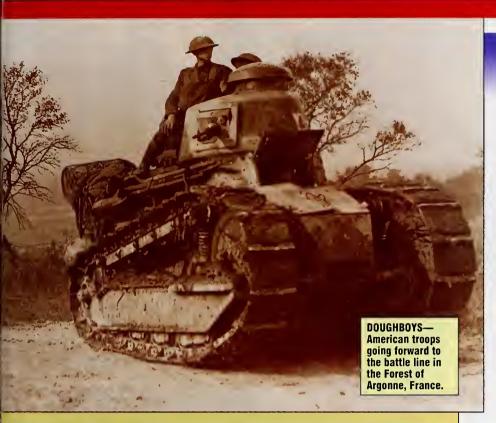
Foreign tyrants rarely pose a direct threat to America, true, but they do

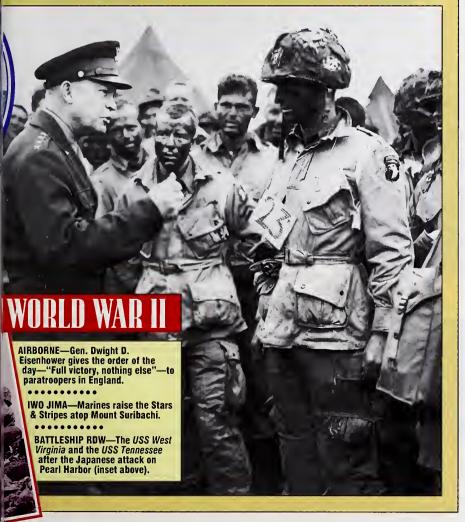
pose a threat to American principles. The United States always has served as the model for liberty. Perhaps that is why America feels so bound by honor to pick up the gauntlet on behalf of the free world. Perhaps, because of the diversity that comes from a nation peopled with descendants of Europeans, Africans and Asians, Americans rush to their aid from an innate sense of loyalty.

Those possibilities are better left to philosophers. For the rest of us: what is, is. Oppression in faraway lands haunts the dreams of American patriots; tales of torture and killing cause us to look within for the courage to confront those who would deny the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For years, the strength of that



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conviction has remained the one constant in this tumultuous world.

'When hostilities erupted in the Balkans in 1914, most Americans thought themselves to be insulated from the conflicts of a decadent Europe," says John Stevens, professor of history at the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts in Indianapolis. The United States—rich, strong, heterogeneous and unorganized-found itself both unable and unwilling to fight a war so far away. That isolationism came at a high price, as late entry into the conflict prolonged the suffering of fellow men and women across the ocean.

American soldiers eventually brought their full might to bear against the enemies of freedom, proving themselves well in a conflict where airplanes and tanks first joined the fray, albeit in limited

roles. Perhaps the most notable facet of the war was a highly questionable combat strategy; trench warfare.

"Weapons technology had given so great an advantage to the defense that the surface of the earth became untraversable and fluidity disappeared from the battlefield," Stevens says. Hurling bodies at one another, expecting victory through sheer numbers, resulted in thousands of lives lost for just a few acres of land gained. While methods would change over the years, it seems the trade-off between land and life remains one unfortunate constant of history.

Victory over Germany came only with substantial costs in both lives and economic productivity. More than 116,000 young Americans died overseas during the United States' 18 months of direct involvement, while those returning home struggled to pick up where they left off—whether it was in school, factories, or at home. In many cases, wives had left, jobs were not immediately available, and school simply seemed too trivial a pursuit after staring down the cold steel of a bayonet. Still, these former soldiers sought a sense of normalcy,

"Americans prefer amateur soldiers who leave their plows to defend the Republic but always return to peaceful occupations," says Stevens. Nonetheless, just as normal life had lulled



SKY COMMAND—Corsairs returning from a combat mission over North Korea circle the USS Boxer.

America into a collective complacency, another conflict vanked the United States back into war. While most may remember, or have at least studied, the horrors of Pearl Harbor, the atrocities of the Holocaust, the starvation in Leningrad, the triumph of D-Day and the bombing of Hiroshima, World War II encompassed far more than just the liberation of Europe and the Pacific islands.

That war saw many mixed messages at home and abroad. Women possessed skills valuable to the war effort, but were not continued in their jobs at war's end. Blacks could not eat alongside whites in many restaurants, yet the Tuskegee airmen proved their mettle in battle. Respectable Japanese-American businessmen in November 1941 became treason suspects by December. "The war was won using a segregated army to save democracy—a

sad irony," Stevens says.

After World War II sacrificed another 406,000 Americans for freedom, the opposite lessons from the Great War seemed to surface. Americans decided diplomatic alliances which many in academia thought caused World War I, might have prevented World War II. So the Allies created the United Nations. Indeed, that organization has a respectable track record for maintaining peace in Europe, where, with assistance from the North Atlantic Treaty

Organization, peace reigned between East and West for more than 50 years. The ominous cloud of the Cold War, however, darkened the skies of peace.

The first "warming" of the Cold War began on the Korean peninsula June 25, 1950. Officially, the "United Nations police action" ended five years later with more than 50,000 confirmed American deaths and another 8,176 missing. U.S. troops in Korea served alongside counterparts from other U.N. member nations for the first time, and while the other soldiers performed admirably, Americans bore the brunt of the struggle—except, of course, for the Koreans themselves. In spite of continuous saber-rattling from the North, a contingent of U.S. forces keeps South Korea free from oppression even today. That represents quite an accomplishment, since some experts believe North Korea may secretly possess nuclear weapons, and the recent death of its dictator brought an even more megalomaniacal individual to power.

Just a decade after the Korean War, the United States took action elsewhere in Asia: Vietnam. In what became the longest official war involving the United States, battle lines gave way to body counts. "Here U.S. military leaders had to relearn guerrilla warfare, having for-



LINE OF FIRE-Machine-gun crew looks over Communist position north of the Chongchon River (top).

INVASION FORCE-Four LSTs unload men and equipment on the beach at Inchon.

HEAVY FIRE-Gen. **Douglas MacArthur** observes the shelling of Inchon from the USS McKinley (inset).



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gotten the Indian Wars and the Philippine insurrection," Stevens says. A dramatically different approach to combat, but the results were no less painful. Instead of reports on how much land was secured, young lieutenants provided casualty counts as proof of victory-victories that cost 58,000 American lives.

Throughout the last 15 years America has answered the call to arms in many ways. Limited actions occurred in Lebanon, Grenada and Panama to achieve limited aims. Cost: 305 dead, 514 wounded.

Once again war on a grand scale erupted on Aug. 2, 1990, when Saddam

Hussein's Iraqi forces invaded the tiny nation of Kuwait in the Middle East. Their annexation of that oil-rich king-

dom was too much for other nations to stomach, and the largest international coalition of all time formed to eject the Iraqis from illgotten sand. More than 383 U.S. soldiers lost their lives to uphold borders in that region. That number promises to grow as forces remain in the Gulf, ensuring Iraq takes no further aggressive actions. The U.S. presence attempted to feed the hungry. with 44 Americans slain for their altruism. In Haiti, America hoped to build a democratic nation, and now we are in Bosnia seeking to keep a tenuous peace. It would appear America has come full circle for this century: It was in Sarajevo that the first World War began, and it is here that world leaders seek to ensure World War III does not.

"Men seem always to have sought power through killing people and breaking things, and they seem unlikely to abandon the practice," Stevens says. Indeed, it was 1817 when Thomas Jefferson railed against armed conflict: "My views and feelings (are) in favor of the

abolition of war-and I hope it is practicable, by improving the mind and morals of society, to lessen the disposition to war; but of its abolition I despair."

Spoken nearly two centuries ago, these words continue to ring true. Nonetheless, while few long for war, history shows a propensity for conflict. When it has come, U.S. citizens from every walk of

life have answered the call to arms and come to defend American ideals around the globe. They will continue to do so-in defense of freedom.

continues to fade, however, as forces

must redeploy to new regional crises



From elegant marble memorials to quiet country cemeteries, we pay tribute to those who gave their lives for freedom.

By Ken Scharnberg



N A sun-speckled hill dotted with trees in Iowa lies a friend. The name on the headstone matches the name on a memorial 1,300 miles away, in Washington,

D.C., and a name and entry in an Army unit log written in 1967. Just another name in the records, one of more than 58,000. He never really knew his kids,

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but they know about him. We all saw to that.

Another headstone, just a few feet away, marks the resting place of another friend. He wanted to be a farmer. He was president of the Future Farmers of America chapter his senior year, but he died in a fire aboard a ship. His family has a flag, a certificate and a medal he earned for heroism trying to rescue his fel-

low sailors. They are proudly displayed in their home. His name, too, appears on a memorial in Washington, D.C.

In that same quiet cemetery, a few hundred feet away, is another headstone and another name. This one was a cousin. He probably would have enjoyed the Saturday nights when his family got together, the women to play hearts and the men to watch the fights on television. He never had the chance. He died in 1951, experiencing



a more lethal type of fighting, a Marine in a place most of us knew nothing about. He, too, has been remembered with a memorial in Washington, D.C.

In an older part of the cemetery is a fourth grave with a familiar name. We kids never knew him. He died during World War II before we were born, but the family talks about him. Guess he

was a wild one, always playing pranks and acting up. Soon, he too will have a memorial commemorating his service and sacrifice in Washington, D.C.

The little cemetery has many more graves—some family, many who were friends. Some of our own are not even buried here. They rest in places with names like Punchbowl and Arlington. But their roots are here, and so are their memories.

Seems, somehow, that the little town has given an awful lot. Most of





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buried on the hill above town have their pictures hanging in the halls of the old school. Class of '15. Class of '41. Class of '50. Class of '66. Yes, some are faded and vellowed, and no, none of them look like heroes. They look like regular kids—young, hopeful, full of promise. They went away and served their country, but never came home.

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The military honored them the best they could, and the families treasure the Bronze Stars, a Navy medal for heroism, an Air Medal, the Purple Hearts and other assorted decorations. They treasure even more the bundled letters, stored in bureaus and cedar chests, along with photos and other personal mementos.

Some would say the medals and

ribbons were tributes to their service, perhaps even recognition of heroic acts and deeds. To their friends and families, they are points of pride, of honor, of incredible pain and loss. As is the small park at the south edge of town, along the only paved road passing through the community. It's just a brick and brass affair, but their names are there, along with many others, engraved for all to see. They tell the esteem and love felt in the little community, for the blood of its sons and brothers and fathers was shed for a cause far bigger than any individual.

Every year when the school band marches on the Fourth of July, or the quiet little service takes place on Memorial Day, or folks gather down at the grain elevator for the annual Christmas get-together, someone will

remember and a prayer is said.

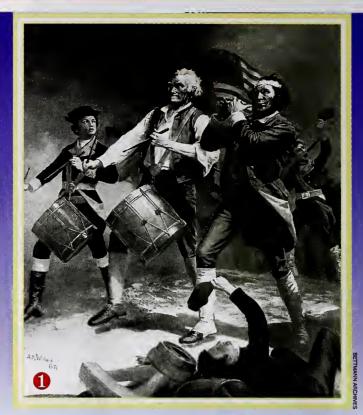
Oh, the memorials in Washington are striking, and those who have the opportunity to visit them are always deeply moved. But not everyone has had the opportunity to visit the national memorials.

That's OK. They will settle for these symbols of honor. The stone and the brick and the bronze and the brass, the flag poles with Old Glory flying proudly, and the little community cemeteries, where flowers and flags never fail to appear in remembrance of what the community offered and gave up in the name of freedom and justice.

Yet, a part of them still lives, because we remember them. And by remembering, we honor those who went away, did what was asked of them and more, but never came home.

The quest for true and lasting freedom has always been a struggle. Here, then, a nod to those who went before.





Democracy's Debt





S Elliott Abrams observes elsewhere in this magazine, democracy and freedom have never been the natural state of things. This in fact represents one of the great paradoxes in the history of mankind: If virtually everyone yearns for freedom, why has it been such a colossal struggle making freedom happen?

Part of the problem is that freedom by its very nature is self-limiting when applied to a society as a whole. Only the individual who lives a solitary life on his own island is truly free to do whatever he pleases (and even then there are potential conflicts that could arise with time). The rest of us are constrained by the need to respect the wishes of others who rightfully pursue their own notions of freedom. Or, as author C.V. Smith puts it in *The Democratic Way of Life*, "Each man's liberty extends up to where the other

man's liberty begins." The catchy line underscores a principle too often forgotten by some of today's advocates of liberty without strings.

Smith also notes that "all hope for a democratic way of life arises from the fact that through proper training [people] may actually more and more please to share their joys with one another...." Imbuing society with that sort of vision and training is a pursuit that predates the Common Era.

Although various civilizations throughout history made attempts at individual liberty, it is Greece—specifically, the city-state of Athens—which is usually cited as the birth-place of democracy as a viable means of social organization.

Athenian democracy came about around 600 B.C. in response to severe economic and social crises. Up to that point, Greek society had been organized under a feudal arrangement that prized ownership of land. As was typical in the case of feudal systems, wealth rested with but a fortunate handful. Worse, no distinction was made between an





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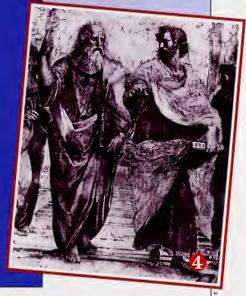
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individual and his possessions. So when you borrowed money, you offered yourself as collateral. If you were unable to pay the bill when it came due, you found yourself in debt slavery. Essentially, you became a possession of your creditor.

As the rich grew richer and the poor grew poorer, unrest became widespread and talk of revolution abounded. A full-blown class war loomed.

Fortunately, in 594 B.C. a compromise candidate named Solon came to power. As a consensus ruler, he enjoyed a popular mandate to devise reforms that benefited all of Athenian society, and he wasted no time rewriting law. Solon abolished debt slavery and softened class distinctions by creating additional social tiers. He ended the aristocracy's vice-grip on political power, establishing meaningful The Evolution

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checks and balances. Under this framework, even the poorest of the poor could have a voice in the Greek Assembly.

Solon undertook broad judicial reforms as well. He presaged today's "class-action" lawsuit by decreeing, to use Aristotle's words, that "anyone might seek redress on behalf of those who were wronged" (thus ensuring far more accountability on the part of the wealthy and powerful). To further lessen the

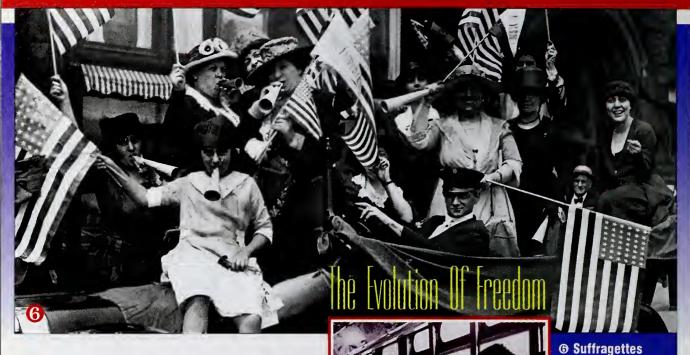
suspicion of widespread corruption in the court system, he opened new courts, and vested them with great indepen-

It's worth noting that Solon's bold compromises contained lessons we still haven't learned today: No one class got everything it wanted, but everyone recognized these steps as necessary if society was to hold together.

always entwined with citizenship. Rights went hand in

The democracy that flowered from these measures was

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hand with liberties. The assumption was that people would not use their individual freedoms in a manner that conflicted with the broader goals of society. Or, to put it in a more positive light, Greek social theorists assumed that citizens would use their goals in a manner that furthered the overall progress of society.

The great Greek orator Demosthenes stressed the need for his fellow free men to be public-spirited because "in a democracy each man considers that he himself has a share in equality and justice." In the same way, the philosopher Plato, in his landmark work. Republic, poses the fatal irony of freedom: Excessi

work, *Republic*, poses the fatal irony of freedom: Excessive thirst for democracy's basic ingredient—individual liberty—can easily end up undoing the democracy.

Athenian democracy has tended to be romanticized by historians, when the truth is, it was far from perfect. Even post-reform, Greek society countenanced a ruling class and a subordinate class, with slaves and masters. (Though debt slavery was eliminated, other types remained.) And at the

same time Athenian orators were preaching their lofty theories of individual liberty, Athens itself showed little hesitation in crushing other Greek cities and its far-off wartime opponents, committing genocide against some of its enemy states, and totally excluding from meaningful participation tens of thousands of slaves, as well as women as a class. Overall, membership in the Athenian democratic process was limited to something less than half of all adults.

Still, Athenian democracy was a truly remarkable event when you consider that this grand "experiment" would be repeated nowhere else on Earth until democracy took root on American soil—more than 2,000 years later.

The Founding Fathers, avid histori-

ans all, were well aware of Athenian democracy, but they were also ambivalent about its lessons. Thomas Paine saw Greece as a near-perfect model for American liberty. Not so, Jefferson. He believed some of the Athenian practices and tendencies were responsible for the eventual downfall of Greece, and vowed not to repeat those mistakes in drafting the tenets of American government. John Adams, too, wrote cynically of Athens, contending that its citizens and

statesmen seemed to have a large amount of ardor for what proved to be a modest amount of democracy.

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Adams and others also shunned the concept of direct democracy with which Athens was associated, fearing it would result in recklessness and even mob rule. This led to America's representative system of government, wherein members of Congress are sent to Washington to act for the constituencies who elect them.

Of course, brilliant and revolutionary as the Declaration of Independence and Constitution may have been, our awakening system of government still had its flaws—several of them profound. In the century following those landmark documents, a series of events moved American democracy slowly forward.

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Freedom's Foibles

An expert in judicial matters explores some of the worrisome trade-offs that plague American democracy.

By James J. Kilpatrick



HREE propositions merit your thought.

The first is that Americans enjoy more freedoms than any other people on Earth.

Second, some

aspects of our freedoms are threatened.

Third, freedom can be a damned

nuisance.

These may be contradictory propositions, but life is full of contradictions. Though we love our freedoms, often we worry about them, and we chafe at the consequences of their excesses.

A large part of the problem is that much of the debate over freedom and its abuses takes place in one big gray area. American democracy occupies itself with the never-ending quest to strike a balance between individual liberties and the greater good. Seldom do there seem to be hard-and-fast rules governing the disposition of specific cases.

Still, there's no denying that certain threats to freedom exist. And while for the most part they are shadowy, some of them are perilously real. Let us focus for a moment on a pair of related examples.

In a broad sense we are free to travel—but in parts of our great cities we

James J. Kilpatrick is a nationally syndicated columnist who writes often on the Supreme Court. are not free to travel far. The specter of violent crime hovers over dark sidewalks, and gunfire shatters the silent night. We have not yet come to grips with the pervasive menace of illicit drugs. In this regard, the courts too often have let us down. Judges, not legislators, contrived the so-called Exclusionary Rule. And judges, not legislators, created the well-known Miranda warnings. Sensibly employed, the two protocols have great value—but

they have a way of getting absurdly twisted. Together, they represent two of the greatest threats to life and liberty.

Under the Exclusionary
Rule, evidence that has been
obtained in violation of the
Fourth Amendment must be
deep-sixed at trial. That has the
sound of a simple, logical proposition.
It has become wildly, illogically complex.

The rule emerged from the Supreme Court in February 1914 in the case of Fremont Weeks. Weeks was charged with sending lottery tickets by mail, then a federal offense. According to official records, this is what happened on Dec. 21, 1911, in Kansas City:

"Police officers went to the house of the defendant, and being told by a neighbor where the key was kept, found it and entered the house. They searched the defendant's room and took possession of various papers and articles found there, which were afterwards turned over to the United States marshal.

"Later in the same day police offi-

cers returned with the marshal, who thought he might find additional evidence, and being admitted by someone in the house, probably a boarder, in response to a rap, the marshal searched the defendant's room and carried away certain letters and envelopes found in the drawer of a chiffonier. Neither the marshal nor the police officers had a search warrant."

By any standard, the cops had violated Weeks' right to be secure

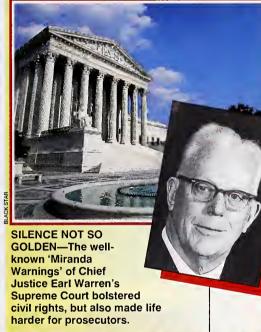
in his papers and effects.
The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the seized material could not be used as evidence against him. The police had patently engaged in an unreasonable search and seizure.

That was the beginning of the Exclusionary Rule. The end is not in sight. In hundreds of cases judges have struggled to define what is "unreasonable." Some instances seem clear-cut. In the infamous Bostick case, sheriff's deputies boarded a Greyhound bus and searched the luggage of a passenger who just "looked suspicious." But if police fly over a field and see marijuana plants below, may they obtain a warrant to search the property? If police use an infrared device to measure heat inside a building, may they act on the suggestive emissions? When police stop a motorist for speeding, may they search his car for contraband?

Adaptations of the Exclusionary Rule have grown like kudzu, smothering justice in jungle vines of technicality. In one case, an officer stood in the



EXCLUDING THE TRUTH—The socalled 'Exclusionary Rule' often requires judges to throw out damning evidence and free accused criminals who are clearly guilty.





ROAD WARRIORS—In too many cities, the constitutional freedom to travel amounts to less than meets the eye because of the high risk of violence.

hallway outside a squalid room. In the middle of the room he could see a brandnew stereo set. The officer did what any sensible cop would do. He entered the room, checked the serial number of the set and checked with his office of stolen property. Sure enough, the set had been stolen. But because the officer had acted without a warrant, the evidence could not be admitted.

Plainly guilty defendants have wiggled away from trial because drugs were in a locked trunk, or in an opaque package, or in the glove compartment of an automobile. Thorny questions abound. Must a high school principal obtain a warrant before searching a student's locker? May a child give permission for police to search his family's home? May police retrieve admissible evidence from a garbage can? What, exactly, is "probable cause, reasonable suspicion, a reasonable expectation of privacy"?

The cumulative effect of exclusionary cases has been to frustrate law-enforcement officers and free criminals. And because criminals go free, our freedoms

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By Elliott Abrams

Why American democracy remains forever linked to the status and stability of freedom overseas.



MERICANS LISTEN to patriotic speeches, for the most part, on two great national holidays: the Fourth of July, when we celebrate American

independence, and Memorial Day, when we honor those who died in our wars. "They died to make us free," speaker after speaker intones. And, "Never let us forget the price of liberty."

Our patriotic rhetoric tends to associate liberty with sacrifice, and Americans can be forgiven for occasionally

Elliott Abrams is president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center. He served in the Reagan White House. wondering why. The price has been high, from the very start when we wrested our freedom from England, to the sacrifices of two world wars and the Cold War in this century. And while Americans have always met the call of duty, they have nonetheless regretted that it seemed to call so often.

Even so, from the beginning, Americans understood and accepted that a lone beacon of light in a world of darkness would eventually be put out.

The kings and princes of the day wished to put it out. If we could escape imperial rule, if we could rule ourselves, they feared others would soon demand the same rights. It was not America's military strength that they feared, for back then we were underpopulated and weak; it was the

power of our ideas. For more than two centuries, those ideas have moved people across the globe and made America the homeland of liberty.

And in the most concrete terms, the fate of America and the fate of democracy have always been linked. This was never clearer than when the United States rescued Europe from the Nazi threat and then defended the cause of liberty throughout the world from Soviet communism.

Americans understood that we were defending that liberty as a cause, and in a very direct sense our own freedom. Those who sought totalitarian power might start somewhere else, but sooner or later they would come after us, too.

With the toppling of the Berlin Wall and ultimately the Soviet Union itself, statesmen spoke for a while of a







"new world order": Peace, freedom, and international law would replace strife, and the enemies of democracy would be beaten.

Alas, the same sort of speeches were delivered after World War I about the new League of Nations, and after World War II about the United Nations. Now as then, this analysis proved far too optimistic.

Certainly we will reap benefits from the end of the old, directly adversarial relationship with the Soviet Union.

During the Cold War we fought over every square inch of earth, for what we lost the Russians gained, and vice versa. Now that the immense threat represented by a monolithic, encroaching Soviet Union no longer exists, the costs of American leadership can decline.

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AGREEMENT—The fate of America and democracy have always been linked; this became clear in recent years with America's great efforts to promote peace and freedom in the former Soviet Union.



But the end of that ever-tense stalemate has not ended the need for U.S. vigilance and involvement in world affairs.

There remain plenty of threats to world security and peace, be they petty tyrants in places like Iraq and Libya, communist rulers in China, or drug lords in Latin America. Indeed, small countries and even terrorist groups can now acquire chemical or nuclear weapons and the missiles to send them our way.

Why would they want to send them our way? They see in us, and in our love of liberty, their worst adversary. Like the empires of the past, they hate us not for what we do, but for who we are

Those who hate freedom naturally hate us.

Those who are the enemies of democracy declare themselves to be our enemies. The end of the Cold War has not changed this.

From Haiti to Bosnia, from Rwanda to China, it is painfully obvious that peace and democracy are not the natural state of things, that the battle against tyranny is often a struggle against a people's own history. Opinion polls in some countries show real doubts about what democracy brings, or a lingering nostalgia for iron-fisted strongmen.

Democracy can be less emotionally rewarding than a system that lifts responsibilities from the people's shoulders. In Latin America, former military dictators sometimes return to win elections. In Eastern Europe and Russia, candidates can run as communists—and sometimes triumph.

But in America, our very nation-

hood is wrapped up in our belief in democracy.

Our country was created to be free, and our shared belief in freedom—not our shared bloodlines—define our nationality and our patriotism. A monarchist, a communist and a democrat can be perfectly good Frenchmen. How many Americans would say that a communist or a monarchist can be a perfectly good American?

Because America began as a democracy, we have perhaps too easily viewed freedom as the inevitable outcome everywhere. So it yet may be—but not until many more decades, and struggles, have passed. Though all these struggles are not ours, it would be wrong to think we have no stake in them. The link between our own freedom and freedom in the world remains strong.

URTHER, although the temptation of isolationism is in some ways a healthy instinct that restrains our leaders from foreign adventures, it is unrealistic to suppose we can isolate ourselves. Not when a terrorist missile can strike in Mississippi, when farmers in North Dakota and Iowa export most of their wheat, when school children in Poland learn the Declara-

Our own sense of national purpose, our peace of mind, our security and our prosperity are tied as much today as ever before to events beyond our shores.

tion of Independence.

Throughout our history, Americans have recognized that our manifold blessings must be defended, and that this gives a special principled character to American foreign policy.

The 20th Century is called "The American Century" not just because of our wealth and military power, but because of the way we used such assets. We were called upon to defend the democratic ideas and model we supplied the world in the 18th and 19th centuries, when they were assaulted by the sworn enemies of democracy—and especially of our democracy. Had we refused to

do so, our friends and allies would have succumbed, as would the very idea that democracies could defend themselves. The American way would have been judged the path of disunity, self-indulgence and weakness. How likely is it that our own morale, our own sense that the future is indeed ours, could have been maintained?

No more likely than it is today. As is the case with every nation, we must defend our national interests, but as is not the case with most others, democracy is one those interests. The Founding Fathers wished well the French revolutionaries who sought to overthrow a monarchy. In this generation we cheered on the East Europeans who struggled against the Soviet empire.

This was wise and principled policy that understood our stake in freedom in the world.

Yes, there are nations that cannot yet sustain democracy, and it is no business of ours to force-feed our

system to people who do not want it. And yes, there will be times when other interests dominate our agenda, as when we defended Kuwait's monarchy because of oil. Such truths mean only that our foreign policy must reflect an idealism tempered by realism.

Democracy's success gives us pride and strengthens us, brings us new friends and allies, and weakens our would-be enemies. What has been true for two centuries is still true at the dawn of another:

America remains the homeland of democracy. Its fate and our own are forever linked. \Box

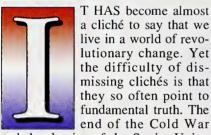




A foremost statesman explains bow America's post-Cold War defense entails striking a balance between guns and butter.

Without Security, We Risk Liberty's

By James A. Baker III



and the demise of the Soviet Union have rearranged the international landscape and rendered old strategic assumptions obsolete.

And revolutions in technology—most particularly communications and transportation—have shrunk the globe, with profound economic and political implications.

Devising a national-security strategy appropriate to the new realities is a daunting task. In the face of a radically new world, it would be all too easy for the United States to fall prey to fear of the unknown, and to confront the global transformation in a reactionary manner.

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I believe it is precisely this uncertainty that makes turning inward such a tempting option for many Americans. Indeed, the voices of isolationism are stronger than they have been at any time since the entry of the United States into World War II.

The readers of this magazine, having honored their country by serving her in war and peace, know that isolationism is the height of folly. Moreover, they know the values and principles that won the Cold War are still relevant even though the Iron Curtain has been torn asunder.

The American people vividly recall the democratic revolutions of 1989-1991. We shared the euphoria of the millions around the world who had emerged at long last from their totalitarian nightmare to bask in the sunshine of freedom.

But in many ways the promise of that era of democratic revolution has gone unfulfilled. What we've seen with the collapse of Soviet power is the diffusion of power across the globe; what we've seen is the growth of new threats to our interests as the world moves, often violently, through a period that is so new that it has yet to acquire its own name. (For lack of a better term, we simply call it "the post-Cold War era.")

The end of East-West competition upset the regional balance of power in places like Asia and the Middle East. The resulting power vacuum invites bids for regional dominance such as that of Saddam Hussein. Though the Persian Gulf War sent an important message to such would-be aggressors, a handful of countries—Iran and Libya in the Middle East, Serbia in Eastern Europe and North Korea in Asia—are all in their own ways engaged in dangerous adverturism.

Further, the end of the Cold War accelerated the rise of China as a superpower. Despite her emphasis on economic reform and free markets, this spring's crisis in the Taiwan Strait reminds us China is not above saber rattling to advance her own agenda. With a succession struggle underway, the future direction of reform in China remains unclear.

The most obvious threat from these aggressors comes in the deadly marriage of ballistic missile technology





WHERE TO
NOW?—The fall of
the Berlin Wall,
left, helped mark
the end of the
Cold War...but
also began a new
age that has
rendered obsolete
many long-held
military and
diplomatic
assumptions.

. AWAKENING GIANT—The end of the Cold War accelerated China's emergence from under Russia's shadow and its rise as a superpower. China's interest in economic reform and the free-market system are encouraging, but its tradition of militarism, as demonstrated in the exercises shown below, remains worrisome.

with nuclear, chemical or biological warheads. Iran, Iraq and North Korea remain the most troublesome would-be proliferators. It is conceivable that eight to 10 new powers could acquire nuclear know-how by the end of the decade. At the same time, advanced conventional weapons are also proliferating.

We also face another problem, one far more primitive than today's dazzling technology and yet, in its own way, far more dangerous: corrosive ethnic hatreds. Bosnia, the humanitarian nightmare that introduced us to the abhorrent term "ethnic cleansing," may be the most familiar manifestation of this trend. Sadly, this may be the prototypical conflict of the new age, and it's not restricted to differences of ethnicity. From ultranationalists in the former Soviet Bloc to radical Islamic



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fundamentalists in the Middle East, movements based on communal identity—religious, ethnic or linguistic—increasingly are becoming factors in the global political climate. Still more ominous, such movements are typically anti-capitalist and anti-democratic.

Across the board, then, we are seeing a fundamental shift in the spectrum of risks we face. Instead of a very low-probability event that threatens our very existence—a U.S.-Soviet nuclear war—America increasingly will face higher-probability, lower-risk conflicts that threaten our interests.

Is this a change for the better? Of course. Yet the circumstances just described make it equally clear that we will continue to need advanced defense capabilities, despite growing political pressures to cut the military budget. Indeed, if it achieves popular currency, the tendency in some quarters to regard defense spending as an anachronism—a quaint vestige of another time—may prove to be tragically misguided. We will continue to depend on state-of-



WEAPONS OF TERROR—The most obvious threat from aggressors comes from the deadly marriage of ballistic missile technology with nuclear or biological warheads.



COLD FRONT—The ethnic hatreds and genocidal atrocities found in Bosnia may be typical of post-Cold War conflicts—and the U.S. may be unable to avoid involvement. Here, U.S. forces brave the chill on a pontoon bridge spanning the Sava River.

the-art military hardware, just as we continue to depend on the courage of the men and women in our armed forces. Without them the end of the Cold War—and the concomitant peace and stability we now enjoy—wouldn't have been possible.

That said, there is another aspect of America's post-Cold War game plan that is often overlooked in discussions of national security: a proactive defense built on the exporting of capitalism and prosperity worldwide.

America's approach to global instability should be grounded in the recognition that the long-term remedy for much of the world's conflict lies in expanding free markets. Prosperous societies are far less likely to make war on their neighbors. In a very real sense, this means that our commercial ties to other nations-with the aim of increasing real growth and raising foreign standards of living—become a "defense" strategy in their own right. It follows that we should seek the reduction of all barriers to international trade and investment.

Yet the international trend toward

free markets, and the American role in expanding them, is not without its strains. While the benefits of free markets are indisputable, globalization carries with it a great deal of anxiety. In an era when capital and resources flow easily across national boundaries, no nation can guarantee job security. Indeed, a well-run capitalist economy necessarily dislocates some workers as a by-product of funneling resources to higher-efficiency operations.

However—and this is not to diminish the pain of those dislocated—there is a flip side here. For the fact is, a dynamic economy more than replaces those jobs it eliminates with new, typically better-paying, jobs. (Government can do its part by deregulation and the elimination of barriers to trade and investment, as well as by promoting low and stable inflation, taxes and interest rates.)

A vibrant economy stimulates not only America's economic security, but bolsters its physical

security as well. For example, NAFTA not only promises a lucrative market for American goods but also, in the form of a rising Mexican standard of living, offers the only real solution to the problem of illegal immigration.

To sum up: For 40 years the Cold War imposed a rough discipline on the world, on the West itself, and on our thinking. Thus, for all its cruel-

ties, the Cold War provided us the ironic comfort of certainty—if nothing else, we knew who our enemy was, and the exact nature of the threat. We also knew, or at least we thought we knew, what we needed to do about it.

Still, nostalgia for that level of certainty should be avoided, not just because the Cold War was a far more dangerous time, but also because such misplaced nostalgia could blind us to the risks and opportunities that lie ahead.

The Cold War and the world it created belong to another age. We are moving into a different one. The precise nature of that age is still emerging. It is ours to shape.

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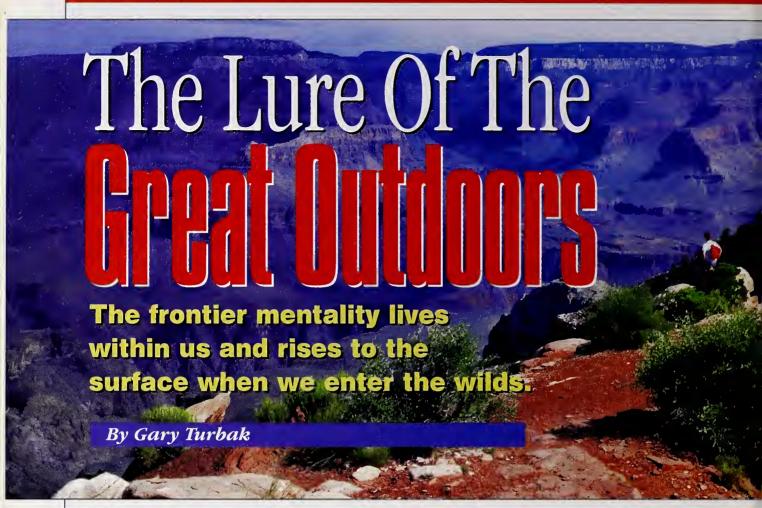
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E ARE a nation of outdoor recreators. From Rocky Mountain peaks to the bottom of the Grand

Canyon. From California beaches to the forested bike paths of Vermont. From the hill country hunting meccas of Texas to the labyrinthine waterways of northern Minnesota. Wherever fun can be found out-of-doors, Americans will revel in it.

We are, at heart, still a rural people, and though we congregate in megalopoli, the pull on Friday afternoon or at vacation time is toward the countryside. There exists in our national psyche a perpetual need to get out of town, to plunge into nature, to breathe virgin air—to reaffirm the continuing

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triumphs of America the beautiful.

And beautiful *She* is. Quite simply, no other nation is so richly endowed with opportunities for recreating amid natural splendor. Lofty mountains, shimmering deserts, deep woods, herds of game, raging rivers, fields of wildflowers, rolling prairies, marshes bursting with life, and on and on. America invented the notion of national parks, and one-of-a-kind places like Yellowstone, Yosemite, and the Everglades magnetically attract both native and foreign recreationists.

But national parks are just the beginning. Savvy outdoorists know also the secret places, where campgrounds fill late if at all and where "traffic jam" means a bison herd or a panhandling bear is blocking the road. Like Custer State Park in South Dakota. Or New York's Adirondack Park, nearly the size of Vermont. Or Oregon's endless chain of coastal parks, campgrounds and waysides.

So we continually scheme new reasons to visit outdoor America, and the artifacts of these adventures fill our lives—and our homes. American garages teem with skis, life jackets, backpacks, canoe paddles and mountain bikes. Fishing gear stands in the basement corner, and a gun rack holds the old 12 gauge. Boats line our driveways, while motorhomes sit like modern steeds, ready to carry us beyond the city's clatter and congestion.

For many folks, outdoor America offers a simpler, slower, gentler way of life. Nature never hurries—an example we might do well to follow. Seasons—and even daybreak—arrive in their own good time. Streams meander. A deer may take forever to step from the shadows. Somehow, these quiet rhythms seep into our souls and give us respite. Around the campfire, blood pressures must surely drop. Who could hike through fields of wildflowers and not feel soothed? Or sit on the bank of a river and not be cleansed?

But genuine heart-racing thrills are out there, too: The thunderous pumping of pheasant wings from just underfoot. The churning whitewater of

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rapids ahead. The breakneck speed of downhill skiing. The splashy rise of a trout. The pounding of bison hooves across the plains. The glorious setting of a fiery sun. No,

outdoor America is not for the faint-hearted.

With the possible exception of Canada, no other country possesses such an affinity for the recreational outdoors. Take hunting, for example. In Europe, this sport is genteel, like a picnic. In Africa, it's a guided safari. But in America, hunters trek to the mountaintops or plod for miles afield, and they measure success as much in their eventual weariness as in the heft of their game bags. The hiking trail, the surging stream, the open water, the darkened woods, the remote campground—these and many other outdoor accouterments have special appeal in the United States.

Part of outdoor America's allure is

of our senses. People everywhere know on sight

our most awesome visual wonders: Old Faithful,

Mount St. Helens, the giant redwoods.... But there's so much more. Away from the urban cacophony, coyotes howl, bull elk give forth with chesty bugles, and the melodies of meadow larks ring pure and strong. Murmuring creeks sing campers to be at night, and the loon's

sleep at night, and the loon's haunting calls entertain as surely as any oboe. The sweet smell of newmown hay wafts across the countryside, and piney woods offer an olfactory treat extraordinaire. You can even taste the wonderment of outdoor America—salty air along the beaches, sizzling campfire trout and trailside mountain huckleberries.

We don't talk about it much, but we revisit the outdoors in part to validate the heritage from which modern America sprang. The frontier mentality lives a

little within us all, and it rises like cream to the surface when we enter the woods and wilds, where can-do attitudes serve as legal tender. Outdoor recreation, said conservationist Aldo Leopold, perpetuates in sport form the skills that built a nation.

Many of our early heroes earned acclaim in the great outdoors: Teddy Roosevelt, Jim Bridger, Davy Crockett, and one-armed rafter of wild rivers John Wesley Powell. In recent decades, we've become a more urbane people, but in every outdoor recreationist a little of this heritage lingers. Hunters alone in the woods cultivate a kinship with the likes of Daniel Boone. Campers everywhere pay unspoken homage to the hardy souls who slept under the stars on the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails.

Much of America's history lies beyond the turnpike and past the last pizza joint, accessible only to outdoor recreationists. Canoe Minnesota's



town, where thousands toiled and a few struck it rich in the gold-fickle earth. Boat Huck Finn's Mississippi. Bike the backwoods New England trails of Emerson and Thoreau. Float Montana's Missouri River and bivouac where Lewis and Clark slept. Or put together a camping tour of hinterland history—Lincoln's boyhood home (Indiana), the golden spike memorial (Utah), Virginia City (Nevada), Appomattox Court House (Virginia), and many more sites.

Another reason Americans are so hell-bent on outdoor play is that we *own* the playground. National forests sprawl across 230 million acres, and states hold title to millions more. Then there are the vast expanses of prairie

managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the National Wildlife Refuge system, public lakes and rivers, and on and on. We may take public outdoor recreation opportunities for granted, but people from other lands stand agape at the tremendous holdings of every American.

Mostly, we accept nature as we find it, but now and then outdoor recreation gets a manmade boost. In Arizona, the Glen Canyon and Hoover Dams on the Colorado River have created boating paradises on Lakes Powell and Meade. South Dakota's Mount Rushmore was just another hill of granite before Gutzon Borglum carved the famous faces there. From Canada to Mexico, handhewn trails make the entire Continental Divide accessible to hikers and mountain bikers, and Glacier National Park's spectacular Going-to-the-Sun Highway opens to everyone vistas once reserved for mountain goats. Few spots in this grand land have not felt the tread of an outdoor recreationist of one sort or another.

And unlike many of the good old ways, outdoor recreation is not a fading national theme. Kids still thrill to the tug of a fish on the line or the sight of a grizzly climbing an avalanche chute. A new mountain bike is still a big deal. A young hunter's first deer still makes memories for a lifetime. Marshmallows roasted over a campfire will remain forever an American delicacy. And where technology or innovation permits, each generation builds on the diversions of its forefathers. Skis become snowboards. Hang gliders leap off mountains their parents could only climb. Teenage wind surfers reduce the sport of sailing to a few square feet of board.

Aside from simply seeking fun, perhaps the biggest reason Americans recreate in the great outdoors is the unspoken incentive of self-fulfillment. We are inherently a do-it-yourself people, but in the city things get done

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FISH TALES

T WAS just a common drab-colored tackle box. Just a battered old box, but packed with memories. Open the lid, and the aroma

wafting from it was a mixture of old bait, lure shellac and pork rind.

Leech Lake, Minn.

"Put the pork rind on a lead-head jig—no, the yellow one. That's the color they'll hit today. Let your line out until it hits the bottom. Now, two cranks on the reel, and slowly twitch the rod. A little quicker. Yeah, like that."

"Dad! I got a bite!"

"Set the hook. Careful, now, give him some slack. Give him some slack!"

"Dad, he's pulling so hard!"

"Just take it easy."

"Dad, I can see him!"

"Calm down. You've got a nice walleye, there. He's a keeper. Keep the line tight, but don't let him break it"

"Dad, I don't think I can..."

"I've got the net. Just hang on. You've got him."

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LONG AFTER—The thrill of a strike, the excitement of the struggle to land a fish disappear, but memories gathered, stored and treasured will last a lifetime.

and a memory, tucked away in an old drab tackle box.

Other memories? There, on the bottom, amidst a litter of pliers, hook removers and old leaders is a bat-

tered cork bobber. Somehow, it smells faintly, pleasantly of bullheads.

Spirit Lake, Iowa.

It was called The Grade, a road cut between two small weed-filled and rocky lakes. Sunday, after church, and the lake still remembered winter's ice. An old Maxwell House coffee can, filled with rich, black dirt and worms.

"Bait my hook, Dad?"

"Bait it yourself."

"But...'

"Go on, it won't hurt you."

"But, I don't know how."

"Grab a worm. Got it? Stop screwing your face up. It's just a worm. Hold it in that hand, and the hook in the other. Don't stick yourself. OK, now sort of thread it.... Yeah, like that. You're doing fine. No, make sure the hook is covered

so all the fish sees is that worm."

"Dad, I did it. I did it myself!"

"So, toss it into the water and let's see you catch something."

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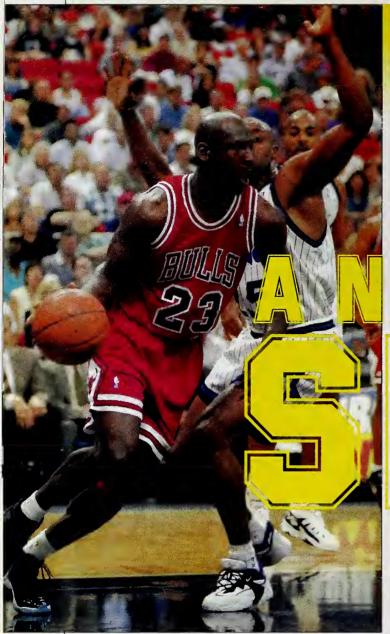
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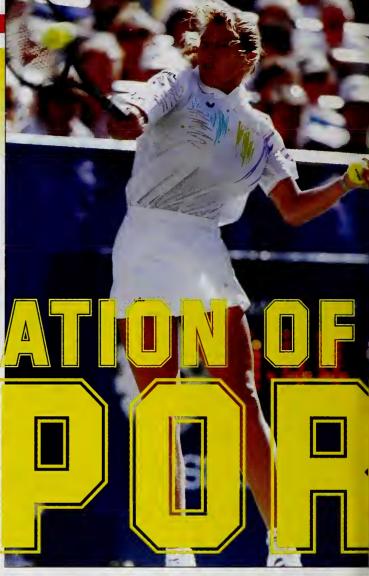
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Americans view the world through sporting metaphors. Above all, sports teach us about the responsibilities that go with freedom



ET ME tell you about the one and only time I was thrown out of a ballgame for arguing a strike call. I was 14 years old and convinced I was destined to cut rough the baseball

a wide swath through the baseball record books. My nemesis on the mound that day was a young kid named Joe Coleman, who did in fact go on to cut a swath of his own, albeit a modest one, during a decade with the Detroit Tigers and others. Ted Williams was calling balls and strikes

from behind the chain-link backstop.

Yes, that Ted Williams. I'll explain in a moment.

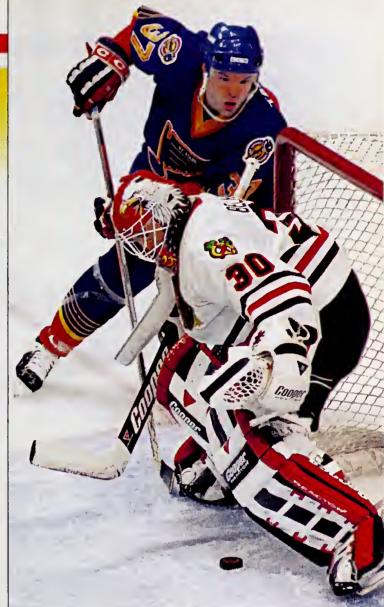
Anyway, Coleman wound up for the 3-2 pitch and threw me a fastball that must have sounded a tad high; I say sounded because I never saw the blessed thing—that's how hard he threw it. The next sound I heard was Williams shrieking "you're outta there!", so I turned and told him a thing or three. Among the things I told Ted Williams was that he wouldn't know a strike if it came up and bit him on the jockstrap. Honest. That was what I said. To the man widely recognized not only as history's greatest hit-

ter, but also the owner of the most discerning batting eye the game has ever known. Needless to say, he tossed me out of the game in a heartbeat.

Such was the inspired beginning of my stay at Williams' baseball facility in Massachusetts. I'd hounded my poor parents to send me there so I could prove my mettle as a ballplayer. Instead, I spent the rest of the month trying to live down that regrettable episode—to no avail. Whenever Williams and I passed within earshot of one another, he'd mutter, "Yessir, that pitch was right down the middle." I bet if we were to meet again today, Williams, whose recall of baseball

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minutiae is as legendary as his eyesight, would extend his hand and say, "Good to see you again—and the damn pitch was right down the middle!"

HAT SUCH events linger in memory through the decades of births, deaths, beginnings, endings and other momentous family matters is testament to the role sports play in our lives. Granted, not everyone's blood flows just a little bit faster as baseball season approaches; maybe the sport that owns your heart is basketball or football or volleyball or soccer or swimming or tennis. It is easy to overlook that even boxing-now hopelessly tarnished through too many years of association with life's dark underbelly-was once known as "the sweet science" and was the preferred route out of inner-city impoverishment for thousands of hard-working young men.

Of course, our enduring memories don't necessarily come from athletic events in which we participated. Often the feel-good moments that just won't quit come from sports experienced as spectators, as fans (and bear in mind the word fan is a derivative of fanatic). What New York baby boomer can forget ohso-cool Joe "Willie" Namath leading the 1969 New York Jets to their stunning Super Bowl upset of Johnny Unitas and his vaunted Baltimore Colts? If you're any kind of baseball fan, how can you not hold in memory an indelible snapshot of Boston catcher Carlton Fisk, leaping up and down to impart body English to his dramatic homerun in Game 6 of the 1976 World Series? Can a diehard basketball fan fail to be stirred by the record-breaking heroics of Michael Jordan and this year's edition of the Chicago Bulls?

As men, especially, we grow up in sports, and learn to express our view of the world through an everexpanding series of sports

metaphors. Many of us use words like "touchdown"

or "home run" to characterize a major success or milestone in our lives. On the other hand, if we botch a given undertaking or fail to complete in some way, it

is often said that we "struck out" or "fumbled." My father, rest his soul, had a sporting analogy for every occasion. A politician who hedged on key issues was "throwing curves" at voters. Angry words or menacing behaviors of any kind were "chin music," the late Leo Durocher's vivid slang for a high inside fastball.

My father would also say of an event where he just barely fell short that he "missed the base" or (later in life, after he started following football) "hit the goal posts.

Beyond that, many of us actually learned how to live our lives through sports. We learned the value of hard work and dedication, learned how to lose with grace and also-often a harder lesson-how to win with it. We came to understand the basics of discipline and authority: You can't have 25 different guys make the rules; there must be one manager or coach or captain, and team members must accept his or her leadership regardless of personal preferences. We learned the

importance of camaraderie and selflessness and sacrifice, that the guy with the best jump shot doesn't necessarily get to take every shot, that a world-class

running back still has to do some blocking, that even good hitters are asked to lay down a bunt now and then. We learned what it means to "take one for the team." In short, we learned the responsibilities that went hand in hand with our freedom of choice.

Which is why it puzzles me that nowadays, it seems, it can be hard to find anyone who has anything nice to say about sports. I grant you there is no shortage of bad news. Baseball alone, in recent years, has given

America a crash course in dreadful PR. Strikes by ballplayers and umpires. Stars charging adoring kids \$10 for an autograph (or worse yet, brushing right past the little folks as if they weren't even there). Players storming into the stands to attack hecklers, or taking the field with more "coke" in them than the vending machine back in the clubhouse.

Beyond all this, we have the widespread perception that pro sports generally have lost their soul. They're not games anymore. They're just business, plain and simple.

Yet, even if that's true for the select few who are fortunate enough to make their living playing baseball or football or basketball—Do we look at

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Staying Ageless Through Athletics

HENOMENON is a hackneyed term in journalism. But it's safe to say that since its inception in 1986, adult amateur baseballwhich invites participation from those age 18 to age as-old-as-youcan-still-get-your-uniform-on-has become an authentic phenomenon. As you read this, more than 200

NABA teams in California are breaking out the bats, balls and Ben-Gay. And while California may be a hotbed of such activity, it is by no means its exclusive habitat. In 1992, NABA cofounder Mike Micheli took the concept nationwide. Within six months he was overseeing some 500 teams in more than two dozen states. As NABA moves east, a competing organization, the Men's

Senior Baseball League, expands west from New York.

What has happened in amateur baseball over the past decade is symptomatic of what's happening nationwide in a multitude of sports. Nowadays, aside from baseball, senior amateur leagues of varying degrees of organizational formality exist in basketball, soccer, tenniseven track and field. "I did my first shot put at age 38," says Rich Der-

winski, a truck driver and former high school football player. "I almost broke my toe with the damned thing when I tried to throw it—it slipped off the side of my hand and landed about two inches from my foot. But with the distances I get now I could compete in a high school setting."



The fascination with senior leagues in all sorts of sports is such that they succeed despite membership costs and related fees that, in the case of baseball, for example, can easily approach \$500 a year.

Not only are the leagues growing, but the caliber of play is improving across-the-board. "It used to be that you got a bunch of guys who were there just playing for the fun of it, and if they actually sunk a shot or two, so much the better," says Bob Rossi, who coaches a basketball program in Glendale, Ariz., and competes in not one but two amateur leagues after-hours. "It's become more competitive as the guys invest more time, and the league gets more press and attracts quality players." Rossi speculates that the better of the

> two teams he plays on could give his high school squad "a run for the money."

The up-and-coming amateur sport right now? No doubt about it: soccer. The growth curve for soccer in Southern California parallels that of senior baseball during its startup phase. "It keeps you young," says 48-year-old Jonas Sweitzer, who was delighted to find a league up and running after emi-

grating from Germany. "People ask me, How can you play so hard at that age? I tell them they've got it backwards. It's playing so hard that keeps me young!"

So it goes for today's senior athletes: Ponce de Leons in cleats or gym shorts, seeking to drink from baseball's fountain of youth.

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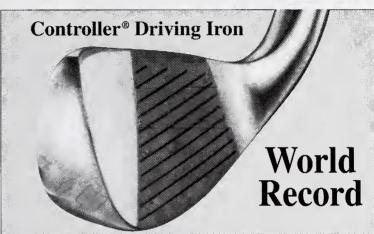
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A S E B A L L BATS and air rifles have become The American Legion's weapons of choice in

the war on crime.

"[Legion Baseball] occurs at that time when kids may get into hanging out on street corners, getting in to trouble and whatnot," says Dick Ogle, Michigan Department American Legion Baseball Chairman. "[It] helps keep a lot of kids off the streets by giving them something good to work at."

By far the most visible of all Legion sports programs, American Legion Baseball has found a permanent spot in the crowded sports world. With more than 4,600 teams nationwide, the program offers kids a chance to engage in friendly competition while participating in America's favorite pastime.

Jeremy Wagner played Legion Baseball for two years for Rapid City Post 22 before graduating from high school in

1995. He calls the experience "absolutely one of the best times of my life."

"I loved it," says Wagner. "I got to meet a lot of great guys and we just got to play baseball. It was a lot of fun playing in front of such big crowds and against such good teams." Wagner now plays left field on scholarship at Cameron University in Oklahoma. "American Legion Baseball definitely helped me get that scholarship," he says.

Pennsylvania Activities Director Ford "Skip" Carnes feels that American Legion Baseball has helped a lot of kids get baseball scholarships. He says college coaches and scouts talk to players after the games, follow up on younger players and sometimes offer

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players full scholarships before they even walk off the field.

With 70 years under its belt and no peak in sight, Legion Baseball has established itself as an American institution. But The American Legion hasn't stopped there. Another Legion sports program is just now making its way into the public eye after more than a half-decade as a source of quiet in-house pride.

The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is currently in its sixth year and it's growing rapidly. There are currently about 350 teams actively involved with the program, and it grows by about 15 percent each year.

This program also provides kids with a constructive outlet for their

energy, but, according to Mike Buss, who has served as the national coordinator of the program since 1995, the Shooting Sports Program offers something a lot of athletic programs can't: an equal chance for everybody.

"The beauty of this sport is that any kid, no matter what sex, no matter how big they are, no matter how strong they are, can, with a lot of effort and hard work, learn [rifle shooting] and be an athlete in a sport that has an Olympic competition," says Buss. "It's available even for handicapped kids. It's really a neat way for kids to get involved regardless of their size."

In addition to equal opportunities, the program stresses gun safety, boasting a perfect safety record with no reported gunrelated injuries.

For six years, the shooting program has conducted a national tournament for the best shooters in the country. Shooters compete in either a sport or precision category, and the first

place winner in each category receives a \$750 scholarship. This year the tournament took place in the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Despite the amount of energy that goes into them, The American Legion involves itself with more than just national sports. Many individual Posts around the country sponsor local athletic leagues and host local sporting events as well.

For example, in addition to its involvement with American Legion Baseball, Ogle's Post also does its part on the local level, sponsoring a junior league hockey team. The 16-and-under hockey team won the Tier II National Championship last April.

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Amusement and theme parks long have been a staple of Americana.
From gut-wrenching rides to recreated African safaris, these parks offer us an escape from the routine.

Fun And Adventure

By Rich Powell



OU FEEL a sledgehammer banging in your heart as your palms be c o m e sweaty. You have a vice-like grip on

the edges of your seat as the car slowly climbs the steep metal tracks. There's one last look over your shoulder at a vast panorama of the tranquil landscape below.

That moment of serenity is shattered suddenly by the piercing screams of the people around you and your own die-hard yelping as you plunge 75 feet, feeling as if you've left your stomach somewhere at the top of the metallic hill.

One of those little mysteries of life is the American desire to place ourselves—willingly; eagerly—in circumstances such as this. We approach

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roller coasters, log flumes and Tilt-A-Whirls with a slight sense of fear muffled by an overwhelming desire to careen down hills, speed through 360-degree loops and feel, just for a moment, as though we could soar with the eagles. This can only happen at one place: the amusement park.

Every summer, millions of families, couples and friends make the pilgrimage to amusement parks around the country. Be it for a week-long family vacation or just a way to spend a beautiful Saturday afternoon, amusement parks have delighted the young, the old and the young at heart for more than 100 years.

With all the diverse parks that have sprung up across the country, it can be hard to keep them straight. Here's a little sampling of those run by some of the bigger chains.

Six Flags

Stretching from California to New Jersey, Six Flags is the only nationwide system of theme parks in the United States. Planned as regional



destinations, all Six Flags locations are in or near one of the top 10 metropolitan areas. Because of this design foresight, 85 percent of all Americans live within a day's drive of at least one Six Flags park.

Six Flags' claim to fame is its thrill rides; just about every year, a bigger, faster one opens up. The latest terrifying triumph is *Superman: The Escape* at Magic Mountain in Los Angeles, Calif. It's touted as the tallest, fastest thrill ride ever built, rocketing riders 41 stories high at an unprecedented 100 mph. Past record breakers include

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Batman, the Ride, the first suspended, outside-looping roller coaster, and The Texas Giant, a classic wooden monster that has been voted No. 1 in the world by the coaster enthusiast magazine Inside Track.

Of course, the speed demons aren't for everyone, so each Six Flags is laden with all of the theme park staples that no one ever seems to get tired of, such as log flumes, bumper cars and, of course, the wondrous doubledecker carousel. Family entertainment is available at any one of several extravagant stage shows, Hollywood-

style stunt shows or the children's areas modeled after characters from Looney Tunes.

While summer is the busiest time of year, each park also conducts seasonal festivals. Fright Fest at Halloween takes place at all locations, while certain parks also have crafts festivals and holiday festivals.

of thrill-seekers

each year.

Six Flags' theme parks, all of which are handicapped-accessible, can be found in Missouri, California, Illinois, New Jersey, Georgia and in three locations in Texas. In addition to the

eight theme parks, Six Flags also operates three water parks in Texas and Califor-

nia, and a drive-through safari by New Jersey's Great Adventure, the largest of its kind outside Africa.

Disneyland/Walt Disney World

Long before the line became an advertising slogan used by sports celebs, youngsters in America held onto the hope that one day, their parents would walk in and say, "We're going to Disneyland!" Disney's properties have rewarded the company



with the highest annual attendance of any theme park system in the United States.

Disneyland, the visionary Walt Disney's landmark theme park endeavor, is now celebrating 41 years of providing wholesome family entertainment. When it first opened, the Anaheim, Calif., park had 18 major attractions, compared to the more than 60 spectacles Disneyland boasts today. There are eight different "lands" ranging from Frontierland, based on the Old West, to Tomorrowland, where visitors can see the world of the future. Each land is packed with

rides, shows and, of course, the loveable cartoon characters from Disney.

Among the bigger attractions at Disneyland are the Indiana Jones Adventure, a thriller where riders are taken on an adventure into the treacherous Temple of the Forbidden Eye, the after-dark special effects show FANTASMIC!, and "The Spirit of Pocahontas" stage show. On a bittersweet note, 1996 marks Disneyland's farewell to a beloved classic, the Main Street Electrical Parade. The parade, which has marched along for more than 20 years, began its farewell tour in March and will conclude forever in October. The valediction is to make way for a new nighttime spectacular which will debut next year.

Like its predecessor, Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., is designed to mystify and enchant the child within us all. Unlike Disneyland, however, Walt Disney World was not confined to a limited amount of land. As a result, since its opening in 1971, the resort has grown from a virtual clone of Disneyland to three theme parks, three water parks and countless other attractions.

Epcot, opened with great hoopla in 1982, is an international showplace, featuring various areas devoted to foreign cultures and scientific achievements.

Disney-MGM Studios, which made its debut in 1988, is both a theme park *Please turn to page 98*

What Disney Gave The World

"It's a shame that youth is wasted on the young."

—George Bernard Shaw "Imagination is the ultimate freedom."

-Steven Spielberg

WALT DISNEY had an idea. The 50-ish entrepreneur, already established as the premier figure in the animation industry, wanted to build a giant amusement park centered around the light-hearted themes embodied in his world-famous cartoons and their equally famous cast of characters: the likes of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Snow White, Pinocchio and the rest.

To Walt Disney's way of thinking, this amusement

park would be for kids, yes—but at the same time, it would also be a place where adults could shamelessly revert to their own childhoods. As conceived by Uncle Walt, his "theme park" (as all examples of the genre later came to be called) would be a self-contained refuge from the stresses of everyday life, and from the escalating tensions of Cold War brinksmanship in particular. Disney sought to build a place where the very down-to-earth worries about newly incurred suburban mortgages paled in

KING OF MAGIC—Walt Disney opened his "happiest place on Earth" in 1955, and it continues to thrill and delight children of all ages.

comparison to the sheer joy of soaring along with Peter Pan as he completed his famous flight. He sought to build a place where America of the 1950s would focus less on the towering menace of intercontinental ballistic missiles than on the lovingly crafted miniature figures of one of his favorite planned exhibits, a little thing called "It's a Small World"....

Thus was born, in 1955, Disneyland, the self-proclaimed "happiest place on Earth." And as the cliché puts it, The rest is history. The Disney saga is pure Americana, a Horatio Alger

success story of the first magnitude. Disney had begun producing animated "shorts," with his brother and long-time partner Roy, in 1923; he was just 22 at the time. Five years

later, Disneyland's signature character, Mickey Mouse, made his debut in the cartoon mini-feature, Steamboat Willie. In 1937, Disney pioneered the feature-length animated film with Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Snow White, a smash hit, humbled the many critics who'd said nobody would sit still for what amounted to an hour-long cartoon. His judg-

ment vindicated, Disney followed up that success with a blockbuster string of animated movies: *Pinocchio* (1940), *Fantasia* (1941) and *Bambi* (1942).

All are timeless classics, of course, and it's a testament to Walt Disney's phenomenal grasp of American tastes—and the subtle nuances of the American emotional make-up—that to this day, all four films continue to draw astonishingly well in theaters whenever they are re-released.

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THE GREAT VACATION GETAWAY

By Joe Stuteville

KNOW why the caged rooster plays piano and dances.

Flashback Summer 1964: Our family's 1955 white Impala rumbles down a pockmarked stretch of Hoosier highway, pass-

Ing signs urging motorists to help keep America beautiful and to visit such faraway places as Chattanooga, Tenn., where travelers can see seven states from the summit of Lookout Mountain, and the kiddies visit Rock City and experience the underground splendor of Ruby Falls. Our destination is not quite so far. We're heading for southern Indiana and Santa Claus Land—a mom-and-pop theme park long before they called such places theme parks.

My older brother and I are in the back seat, counting the VW Beetles on the road and playing that strange, prepubescent gig of trading punches. My dad's occasional "you-guys-knock-it-off-or-we're-turning-this-car-around!" bellows from the front seat. We finally turn into the parking lot—sweat-

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American families relax at the ocean, mountains and national parks. But perhaps the most important reason they hit the road is found closer to home.

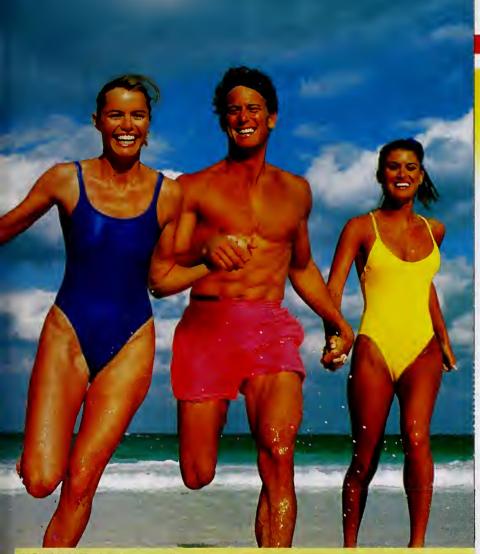
soaked and eager to ride the rides and visit with the bearded old gift-giver himself.

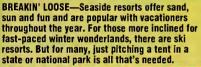
After entering the main gate, we make our first stop at a glass cage where a forlorn leghorn sits waiting for his next performance. Put a quarter in the slot and our fowl friend jumps from his metal perch onto a tiny piano to beat out an unrecognizable tune on the keys. All the while, he's pecking away at food on top of the piano. I later find out that he jumps because the quarter activates a slight electrical current, shocking the rooster into a performance. His reward is, of course, the feed, It's almost as excit-

ing as the thrilling spectacle I would make of myself later in the day after loading up on cotton candy and hot dogs and riding the "Tilt-A-Whirl."

The Great American Vacation Getaway.... Families from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Ore., find their own getaways, crossing the highways, byways and skyways of America in search of that week or two of something new and exotic that rescues us from the routine of our home lives. With our basic needs of food, clothing and











shelter met, perhaps our society has now entered the realm of a fourth need—recreation.

"Once an economy is productive enough to satisfy most people's basic needs, then people spend an increasing proportion of their incomes on satisfying inner needs," sociologist Abraham Maslow once said. According to recent estimates, Americans are solidly behind Maslow: They spend upwards of \$275 billion annually on leisure-time activities, and vacation accounts for a large chunk of the amount.

Why do we spend so much time and money planning these getaways? Echoing Maslow, a spokesman with the Values and Lifestyles Program, SRI International in California, says, "The growth of our economy is no





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longer driven by the desires of consumers to accumulate goods. It is driven by the consumer's quest for vivid experiences."

Beyond doubt, we are realizing those experiences in such pursuits as white-water rafting in West Virginia, exploring the Grand Canyon, camping in national parks, plunging into the waves of the Pacific Ocean, riding old paints at dude ranches, taking in the night life of New Orleans' Bourbon Street, tapping our toes to the musical theaters at Branson, Mo. (reported to be one of most popular tourist spots in the country), and visiting the make-believe worlds the good folks at Walt Disney and Six Flags have created for us.

Americans as a whole also are creating and redefining their own realworld vacations in the 1990s, compared to recent decades. In the post-World War II years, fathers worked 50- to 60-hour weeks, mothers tended to the home and nurturing of children, and the family traditionally took a two-week vacation during the summer. Ozzie would knock off work on Friday, don his Bermuda shorts, white socks and black shoes, and by Saturday morning he and Harriet

would have David and Ricky in the automobile heading off for another family adventure.

While we are working harder than ever—both fathers and mothers—the average hourly work week is down, thanks in large part to computers and other technology. In fact, with the advent of virtual-reality computer equipment and software, you don't even have to leave home to enjoy a vacation. Indeed, you can scale Pike's Peak or "hang 10" from a surfboard on the "Pipeline" in Hawaii—and never leave your recliner. It's a veritable virtual

vacation.

But for those of us more grounded in reality, it takes an extraordinary amount of planning for two-income families to juggle their work schedules and make a vacation happen. This is often related to the changing structure of families. Today, it's likely that Harriet is closing that merger deal of two megacompanies at the same time Ozzie is shuttling the boys to soccer

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salad was created by chefs at the hotel.

The Mirage Las Vegas, Nevada

You're in the desert, and yes, that is indeed a "mirage" you see near the city where fortunes are won and lost. This 3.049-room hotel and casino is among the newest on the famed Las Vegas strip. A stay here is unforgettable, no matter how well you do at the slot machines or gaming tables. A volcano outside the hotel erupts every 15 minutes. White tigers—living "props" in the act of illusionists Siegfried and Roy—are on display around the clock. One caution, courtesy of Vegas insiders: The Mirage is as much an experience as it is a hotel, so huge crowds and long waits are possible.

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Drake Chicago, Illinois

Four stars precede the listing of this hotel, which is considered the best of

Chicago's landmark hotels. Built near the banks of Lake Michigan, the Drake, which from the outside resembles a palace, opened in 1920, and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Chandeliers and oak furniture abound in public areas of the hotel and the rooms are generally spacious.

Willard InterContinental Washington D.C.

It's two blocks from the White House, and was a nest for Confederate espionage and power plays by politicians and generals during the Civil War. Mark Twain, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Gen. U.S. Grant stayed at the Willard, and Martin Luther King Jr. later would write his "I have a dream" speech in one of its rooms. So much for the history lesson. In 1986, the Willard was meticulously restored to its yesteryear grandeur, and its two restaurants-the Occidental and the Willard—have won acclaim. Each room is furnished with Queen Anne mahogany furnishings.

The Phoenician Scottsdale, Arizona

This hotel rests at the base of back Mountain and overlooks lush acreage blending marble-filled architecture and elaborate Southwestern landscaping at its best. The Phoenician is considered an ideal family retreat as it includes a series of interconnected swimming pools and water slides; an up-scale

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Freedom's FINER THINGS



By Michael Lasser

HE FIRST time Erich Kunzel of the Cincinnati Pops conducted on the Mall in Washington, D.C., he gave a downbeat to the National Symphony Orchestra and turned to

lead the audience in the National Anthem. Though that was more than 15 years ago, and he has conducted there many times since, he has never forgotten that day.

"I turned around to conduct and saw those hundreds of thousands of people and beyond them I could see the entire Capitol Building. My sense

of pride and awe was unfathomable. And there I was conducting music. 1 wish every person in America could have that experience. It exemplifies for me the beauty of this country and what it stands for. It makes me feel I want to be a great citizen."

Many Americans remember something similar when they watched Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops on television on July 4, 1976. We had endured and then lost a divisive war in Vietnam, and we had endured and survived Watergate. Now we watched as our fellow citizens waved flags and sang America the Beautiful and God Bless America. In the gift of music, a nation had begun to heal.

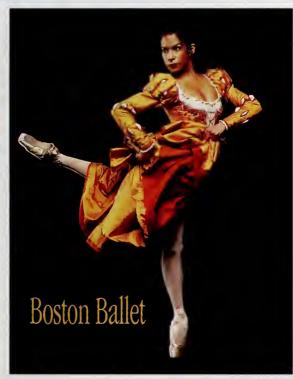
America's place in the world of art has changed enormously since the early years of the century when even American universities largely ignored American literature, and many of our art forms were derivative of European fashions. But what appeared derivative

> eventually came to be recognized as a series of hybrids that reflected America's great diversity, resilience and inventiveness.

> Since then, American artists have learned to break the rules to find their own way in the arts community. Consider, for example, George Balanchine, who came to America from Russia to become one of our great choreographers. The New York City Ballet, which he helped to found, reinvigorated traditional dance. He choreographed not only to Stravinsky, but also to John Philip Sousa. His fellow choreographer Jerome Robbins made major contributions to ballet but also to such Broadway shows as Fiddler on the Roof and West Side Story.

> American artists have also broken out of the constraints of classical ballet to create the freer forms of modern dance; they have blended the rhythmic traditions of





"Above all, we are coming to understand that the arts

incarnate the creativity of a free people. When the creative impulse cannot flourish, when it cannot freely select its methods and objects, when it is deprived of spontaneity, then society severs the root of art."



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It's more about individuality than art."

Barbara Haskell, curator of painting and sculpture at the Whitney Museum



Africa with the melodic traditions of Europe to create jazz; they have contributed the vitality and high spirits of the Broadway musical to the world of theater; they have designed a style that established the artistry of the motion picture; and they have created a visual art, a popular music, and a literature which have compelled the attention of the rest of the world.

With all this extraordinary activity, it's no wonder artists disagree with one another. They even disagree about whether Washington ought to be funding controversial art. If there's any one thing they do agree on though it's how asset

agree on, though, it's how essential the arts are in a free country.

That's an especially intense topic these days, as many arts organizations confront the problems of rising costs, aging audiences and declines in governmental support. The Republican Congress and the Clinton Administration have agreed to fund the National

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Kunzel, who has conducted the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra for more than 30 years, poses the question, "Do you realize what it does for an artist to express anything he wants? I've always treasured the idea that the arts in America are supported by the people of

America. I think that's the way it should be."

Joe Dowling, a transplanted Dubliner and the new artistic director of the renowned Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis, takes strong issue with Kunzel's attitude toward government funding.

"Art has never thrived without being supported by patrons or governments," he says.
"The way to destroy it is to not fund it. When you put it back entirely in the market-place, you play to the lowest common denominator. A corporation interested in funding artists is unlikely to cultivate irreverence if it thinks it may

affect sales."

Barbara Haskell, curator of painting and sculpture at Manhattan's Whitney Museum of American Art, lands more or less between them. She agrees that artists have greater freedom if there is no state support of the arts. "It's freer," she says, "but it's also much tougher for the artist."

Just what is it the artists are defending in their resistance to governmental pressure? Their own creativity, to be sure, but also a body of art that can only be called American. They cham-

pion the importance of a uniquely American voice in the arts, a voice they believe is inseparable from their own freedom. Choreographer Paul Taylor affirms, "Nobody has had more freedom to do what they want than I. I've been fortunate to work in this country."

American painting and sculpture in the 20th century, says Haskell, have "a brute force and unrefined purity that express the vitality, the values and the spiritual force of our country. Our visual artists have had the freedom to ignore all the rules that European art handed down and find their own individual ways.

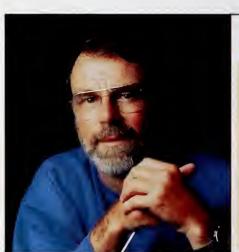
"It's actually more about individuality than freedom," she says. "European artists have been as critical of society as American artists, so that's not the

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Erich Kunzel, conductor of the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, says artistic freedom is important, even though an audience may dislike the results.



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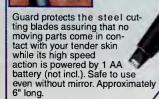
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All of which beg the question: What is it about cars that they have come to

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occupy such a central place in the hearts and psyches of us all?

It's a mystery that's especially relevant these days, for Detroit celebrates 1996 as the centennial

of the automobile. Seems that 100 years ago, when Charles and J. Frank Duryea of Springfield, Mass., rolled out a baker's dozen of their "motor wagons," it represented the first time that more than one car had

been patterned after a single prototype. The Duryea brothers' primitive stab at "mass production" sparked a manufacturing revolution that, within a decade, would flower into Henry Ford's historic assembly line. By making the Model T affordable to the average working Joe (and later Jane), Ford helped give rise to the love affair we



TUNEUP—The automobile has become an inextricable part of American life.





just spoke of. Which brings us back to our questions.

Some of the answers that suggest themselves are fairly straightforward. For starters, there is no understating the automobile's broad economic implications. The domestic auto industry has seen its share of ups and downs, but still today, an estimated one in seven jobs is linked in some way to what we popularly call "Detroit" (a misnomer, of course, since the manufacture of domestic cars is now dispersed widely throughout the American countryside—as well as Canada and Mexico and points offshore).

Beyond that, the automobile has transformed the way in which we go about our daily routines, weaving itself inextricably into the fabric of American life. The mobility afforded by cars means that we can live many miles from our jobs, a fact that, in turn, has provoked a quantum shift in population patterns. Suburbia, with all its connotations, is a child of the automobile. In many ways our modern-day lifestyles are almost completely organized around our cars, allowing us to pack so much more into our days than was possible pre-Detroit, simultaneously heightening our expectations of daily life. In a single evening, after driving home from our jobs, we can drop off the kids at baseball practice, go to dinner, visit the video rental store or run a half-dozen other impulse errands before we pick up the kids again and head home. On any given day we can make multiple last-minute changes in schedule that would never be practical were we solely dependent on trains or buses. For better or worse, we have come to live in a drive-through society, with meals, money—even marriages available to us from the convenience of our eight-way adjustable bucket seats.

Still, it is clear that the real roots of our affection for the automobile do not spring from such pragmatic soil, but rather have more to do with something—well—deep and mysterious. If not downright inscrutable.

Think about the car's pivotal role in the courtship ritual: The image of the

> boyfriend's car pulling up to the girl's house is a deeply ingrained facet of Americana (as are the lovers' lanes the couple may choose to visit, later, if the date goes well). And, just as cars expand our jobseeking horizons, they enable us to maintain viable relationships with those who live far away. We cannot get in a car without feeling, at some level, all the lingering asso-

ciations from years of dating—all the personal history, all the successes and failures and happiness and heartache. And all fully transferable—unlike warranties—from one vehicle to the next.

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"You see a lot of the same faces every year," says Carnes, "It's kind of like a reunion. I mean, for some of these guys, this is the one time a year they get to see each other, so it's usually all hugs and how-ya-been's."

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are less secure. In what is known as the *Leon* case in 1984, the Supreme Court began to retreat from the tangled undergrowth of the Exclusionary Rule. Pursuant to that ruling, if police can prove they acted in good faith, relying on what they believed to be a valid warrant, their evidence may be admitted after all. A good first step, perhaps, but a long way from a panacea.

Our freedoms are not contracting, they're expanding, and if they sometimes expand in irritating ways, so what? Nobody ever gave us a right not to be irritated.

Just as judges contrived the Exclusionary Rule, some judges contrived the elaborate rituals that have developed with Miranda warnings. These are the famous edicts that Chief Justice Earl Warren invented 30 years ago in *Miranda v. Arizona*. Miranda was convicted of kidnapping and rape, but the Supreme Court reversed the conviction. Miranda had confessed—but he hadn't been forewarned that he had a right to remain silent, a right to counsel and so forth.

Four members of the court dissented. Justice John Harlan foresaw "harmful consequences for the country at large." The new rules ultimately would discourage any confessions at all. His colleagues, said Harlan, were taking "a real risk with society's welfare in imposing its new regime on the country." In a separate dissent, Justice Byron White said the Miranda rules "will measurably weaken the ability of the criminal law to perform its tasks."

These pessimistic chickens have come home to roost many times. It takes a remarkably stupid criminal to refuse a free lawyer, and it takes a remarkably stupid lawyer not to tell his client to *just shut up*. To be sure, there is no place in American justice for interrogation by third degree, but under *Miranda*, the Fifth Amendment's protection against *compelled* self-incrimination effectively has become a barrier to *voluntary* confession.

Our freedoms are the poorer because of the extremes to which the rules have been applied.

We fret about our liberties, and indeed they can be bothersome. Even some of the cut-and-dried freedoms enumerated in the Bill of Rights turn out not to be so cut-and-dried after all. Trade-offs go both ways, leaving one side or the other unhappy in this grand constitutional controversy. The aforementioned gray areas create problems of interpretation.

You say nobody opposes religious freedom, right? Well, a decade ago, in Hialeah, Fla., the city council decided it could not tolerate the free exercise of religion—not when that free exercise involved animal sacrifices. Many of us object strenuously to broadcasts we regard as "indecent." On today's college campuses, civility and sensitivity codes tend to stifle spontaneous speech—but the Klan has a right to demonstrate.

Just for the record, our precious liberties have been in a state of flux almost since the Founding Fathers did their founding. In 1798, just seven years after a right of free speech had been nailed into the Constitution, John Adams signed the Sedition Act. It dangled the prospect of two years in prison over anyone who published "scandalous" writing about Congress. Were such austere laws enforced today, of course, almost every Washington beat writer would spend most of his time in prison.

If all this leaves you feeling grumpy, you may find it useful to take a quick stroll through the Bill of Rights. This exercise should make us all breathe easier, as it helps us realize that most of the rights guaranteed therein—the likes of free speech, religion, assembly—are in remarkably good order.

Besides, on balance, our freedoms aren't contracting, they're expanding—and if they sometimes expand in irritating ways, well, so what? After all, the Constitution says nothing about the right not to be irritated. And it's a small price to pay for the right to irritate someone else!

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OUTDOORS

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for you: the waiter fills your glass, the restaurant cook prepares your food, the gas company heats your home, some farmer grows your food, and so on. But all that changes in outdoor America. In the woods, there will be no campfire unless you gather wood, no trout for supper unless you catch it, and no water unless you ferry it from the stream. Hunters fill their freezers with wild game. Backpackers carry their world on their shoulders. Kayakers go one-on-one with the rapids.

Getting it done outdoors breeds self-reliance-and that woodland souvenir has a place in the city, too. Almost certainly, America would be a better land if everyone could from time to time return to our nation's outdoor roots. In his Song of the Open Road, 19th century poet Walt Whitman perhaps said it best:

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FISH TALES

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The cork floats oddly on the surface, the red wood stick securing the line twitches this way and that as the water moves it about. Suddenly, it jerks, ripples spreading away from it. Another twitch, and another, then it disappears beneath the water.

"Dad?"

"Set the hook. Not so hard! OK, he's still on there. Go ahead and reel it

"I caught a fish, Dad!"

"What did you expect to catch, a cow? Be careful, don't get your line tangled up in the rocks."

"I got him! I got him!"

"OK, now take him off the hook and put him on the stringer."

"But, Dad, I don't know how."

"Then it's time you learned. Grab him behind...."

"Ow!"

"Be careful. Those fins have stingers. You have to hold him behind the head. Yeah, like that, only hold him real good or he'll squirm around and you'll get stung. Now, twist the hook."

"But he'll bite me!"

"No he won't. Hold the end of the hook. Got it? OK, now look in his mouth. See the hook? Turn it and pull it out. There, was that so hard? Now put him on the stringer and we'll have him for supper.'

It is said that God does not deduct from man's life that time spent fishing. It could be said, too, that God adds to the richness of a person's life through the memories stored in an old, battered, drab-colored tackle box.

-By Ken Scharnberg

IN SEARCH OF...

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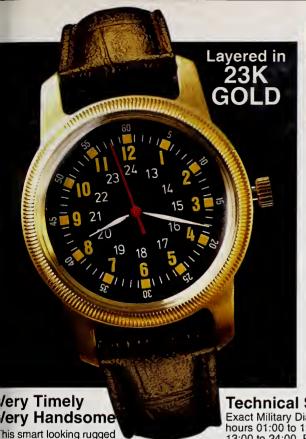
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sports that way? Don't we still have that special feeling in our gut when our team takes the field? When our favorite player does the extraordinary? Indeed, perhaps one of the reasons we sometimes get down on sports is that we just care so darned much. We don't want anyone defiling something that's so important to us.

And therein, perhaps, lies sports' greatest attribute: its ability to uplift. In a world full of disappointment, where atrocities in unpronounceable foreign lands and mayhem here at home can grab and hold the headlines for months at a time, sports provides regular reaffirming glimpses of the power of the human spirit.

Is it possible to watch one-handed pitcher Jim Abbott without feeling a little less daunted by the obstacles in our own lives? After witnessing hardluck skater Dan Jansen's final dash for Olympic glory in the winter of 1994, how could we come away not thinking that perhaps, just perhaps, life in the

end is fair—that the hero does, indeed, get to ride off into the sunset?

Even in its commonplace occurrences, sports can be inspirational. As I write this, in my mind's eye I can see San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice dancing around a hapless defender and breaking into the clear for yet another record-setting TD; or Seattle centerfielder Ken Griffey Jr. leaping high in the air to corral a soaring fly ball that had seemed hopelessly

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beyond his reach. We cannot see these accomplishments without feeling that we all have the ability to soar to unexpected heights.

Such sentiments no doubt explain the spectacular emergence of amateur senior leages in sports including baseball, basketball, soccer and volleyball [see box, Page 66]. The men, and increasingly women, who participate in these leagues have shaken off years of diffidence to face up to their fears of inadequacy. The realization that they can still "cut it" carries a payoff that spills over into other areas of life. Mike Micheli, the visionary credited with bringing adult baseball to Southern California, says he often receives letters from appreciative wives thanking him for "making a new man out of my husband."

In the end, I suppose, it is this newness, this prospect of endless rebirth, that keeps us coming back, or never lets us stray very far in the first place. When I was growing up in Brooklyn, "wait till next year" was the exultant rallying cry for those of us who loved the then-pathetic Mets. Similar rallying cries can be heard at Wrigley Field and Fenway Park, I'm sure. For in sports, there's always next year...or next inning, or next quarter, or next period.

At least on the playing field, life is full of second and third and fourth chances. Strike out today, get a good night's sleep, and you get another shot tomorrow.

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Majority Relieved

Their first breakthrough was found in the extract from the bark of an African tree called "Pygeum". Thirty-eight of Europe's most prominent scientists conducted double-blind, placebo-controlled tests in 13 hospitals in Switzerland, Germany, France and Italy on over 600 patients with prostate malfunctions. The majority of the patients experienced substantial relief of symptoms. Pygeum inhibited the production of a metabolite implicated in causing the prostate to enlarge.

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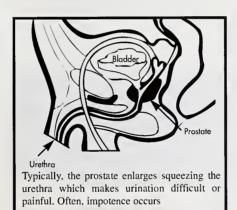
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The most abundant carotenoid in the prostate is "lycopene." American scientists discovered lycopene in the skin of tomatoes. Italians and Greeks have a much heavier diet of tomato products than other people in the world.

47,894 Doctors

Dr. Giovannucci at Harvard Medical School led a research team that followed the eating habits of 47,894 doctors for six years. Those who ate 10 meals or more per week, containing tomato products, had about 30% fewer occurrences of prostate tumors. There's not much lycopene in tomatoes, and this was apparent in those who ate only three or four tomato products a week. They only had about 15% fewer occurrences of tumors.



Extracts from *Pygeum, Urtica* and tomatoes are called "phytochemicals." Tumor researchers are really excited about them. Dr. D.L. Davis of the U.S. Public Health Service said, "*Phytochemicals can take tumors and defuse them. They can turn off the proliferative process of tumors.*"

The berry of the saw palmetto palm has been touted as a deterrent for prostate problems. However, one scientist compared the palm berry to the phytochemicals mentioned here in this way, "That's like comparing aspirin to morphine."

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Arnald Fox, M.D., an internist, cardiologist and former medical schaal professar, is the author of Salving The Prastate Problem and has ap-peared on aver 100 radia and TV shaws, including Gaad Marning



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and a working film studio. Its offerings include movie-themed rides, backstage tours and death-defying stunt shows.

Some of the resort's other popular attractions include nightclubs, golf courses and the brand-new Disney Institute, where vacationers can participate in special interest programs ranging from entertainment arts to sports and fitness.

Paramount Parks

The fourth-largest theme park company in the world, Paramount Parks welcomes more than 13 million visitors annually to its properties.

Like its competitors, Paramount aims to thrill. This year, two new gutwrenching rides were unveiled. The first is *Drop Zone*, found at Great America in Santa Clara, Calif., as well as Carowinds in Charlotte, N.C. Patterned after the 1994 movie of the same title, *Drop Zone* transports riders to the top of a stunt tower (224 ft. at

Great America; 174 ft. at Carowinds), then drops them straight down at a heart-stopping speed. The Great America tower is the tallest free-fall ride in the world.

King's Island in Ohio and King's Dominion in Virginia are the new homes of *The Outer Limits: Flight of Fear*, based on the popular 1960s television series. The first of its kind in the world, the roller coaster replaces the traditional lift-hill start with a new catapult launch system. Imagine, if you will, rocketing from 0-to-54 mph in four seconds, and then careening around the twists and turns of the track in total darkness, losing all sense of direction.

King's Island also is home to *The Vortex*, the first-ever roller coaster with six loops, and *The Beast*, the longest wooden roller coaster in the world. Even smaller children can get a taste of the thrills at Paramount. Each park has at least one coaster especially designed to thrill your youngsters.

For those who are a little too young or a little too squeamish for the heart-stoppers, Paramount provides a variety of shows, restaurants and shops. *Nickelodeon Splat City*, a three-acre area full of games, shows and special events catering especially to young-

sters, can be found at King's Island, King's Dominion and Great America. Carowinds also has a special area just for the little ones called *Animation Station* where kids can meet their favorite Hanna-Barbera cartoon characters, watch a variety of shows or learn how cartoons are made.

All Paramount Parks attractions are wheelchair accessible. Guidebooks for guests with disabilities, and tape cassettes and players providing in-park information for the visually impaired, also are available.

As well as their four amusement park locations in America, Paramount operates Canada's Wonderland in Toronto and a water park in California.

Busch Gardens/Sea World

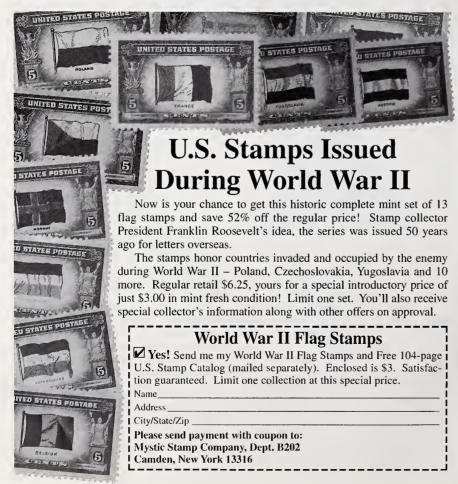
The Anheuser-Busch company may be known for its famous beer, but it also bellies up to fun with Busch Gardens in Tampa Bay, Fla., and Williamsburg, Va.

Busch Gardens Williamsburg has an old-world European flavor, with nine different hamlets representing various European countries. The park is home to three of the world's toprated roller coasters, including the Loch Ness Monster, which boasts two intersecting loops and a 114-foot drop. The coasters are a fraction of the more than 30 rides at Busch Gardens. Also at the park are a variety of shows and attractions, plus an assortment of Olympic-themed activities celebrating the centennial of the Olympic Games. Each hamlet is filled with ethnic foods and shops of the countries they represent, assuring that guests of all ages will find something to capture their interest.

Busch Gardens Tampa Bay has a different worldly atmosphere, a view of the African continent. Nine areas represent different walks of African culture, such as the latest addition of Egypt, featuring a replica of King Tut's tomb, a shopping bazaar and a sand dig where young archaeologists can discover Egyptian "artifacts" buried in the desert sand. Among Busch Gardens Tampa Bay's other attractions are an assortment of shows, games and restaurants, and a zoo featuring more than 2,800 animals. Then, of course, dispersed throughout the park are more than 20 rides, including the new Montu, said to be the tallest, longest inverted roller coaster in the world.

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Interestingly, many of the same critics who lampooned Disney's vision in other areas also predicted that Disneyland itself would prove to be a colossal flop—and at first, it appeared that this time around, they might be right. After countless delays and construction snafus, opening day at the Anaheim park was a near-disaster, with rides that didn't work, PA systems that cut in and out of service, underwhelming attendance, and disgruntled patrons everywhere. Few people seemed to know what to make of the unprecedented entertainment concept. However, as word of Disney's grand experiment spread, the facility quickly caught on. A much larger and more lavish Disneyland clone, Disney World, took life in Orlando, Fla., in 1971 (though Uncle Walt himself never saw the spin-off; he passed away in 1966). Other theme parks began sprouting across America. Today, the notion of the theme park is as deeply ingrained in American culture as baseball, breakfast cereal or the automobile.

Why such parks are so successful is hard to say in words. One can only speculate why an otherwise stable adult will cheerfully stand in line for the opportunity to shake hands with a 6foot-tall mouse, or why we'll hop into a boat to float along a river surrounded by tiny dolls and figurines we'd never be caught dead grinning at in our normal day-to-day adult lives.

But perhaps in the end that's the key. George Bernard Shaw had two things in mind when he authored his famous quote. One was that the young don't really know what to do with the vitality of their youth. But Shaw's other point is that it's only after you become an adult, and face all the stresses and strains of adulthood, that you truly appreciate the carefree wonder of childhood. Given a second chance, says Shaw, you'd know what to do with that sense of wonder. You'd appreciate it

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such as these can be found at resorts, beach and mountain hideaways, ski areas, cruise ships and historical sites,

Of these, Shirk and Klepper say resort vacations are the easiest to put together. A well-run resort has comfortable accommodations, a variety of eating spots or menus, personal service and usually a laid-back atmosphere designed to make vacations what they're intended to be: a time for relaxation (though you might be required to show up for dinner in clothing more sophisticated than cutoffs, sandals and a moth-eaten T-shirt proclaiming that "I Survived The Beast At King's Island.")

The nature of our vacations also has changed in recent years as Americans pursue healthier lifestyles. Health spas are common fare among resorts and cruise lines. For many travelers, boarding the "Love Boat" once meant gorging round-the-clock on rich food and later floating in the ship's pool like a downcast Shamu. Today, most cruise lines offer a menu of health foods and high-impact fitness programs.

While the nature of our vacations and how we get away from routine has changed vastly in recent years, some things have not changed when we hit road, seeking fun, travel and adventure.

Flashback 1994: Four teens in the back are fighting over headphones and whining about how long it will be before we get to our destination. I turn around and repeat that time-honored warning: "You-guys-knock-it-off-or-we're-turning-this-van-around!" My wife is at the wheel, while I ride shotgun, pumping imaginary brakes and pushing the dashboard like some deranged high-school driving instructor. It's a reflex action brought on by my own sense of not being in control.

Suddenly, the craggy-faced mountain appears before us: Lookout Mountain.... See seven states from its summit.... Visit Rock City.... Stand in awe of the grandeur of Ruby Falls.... Tolerate the old man's retelling of another Civil War battle site. I have a photograph on my desk of the family, all grinning, as they sit on a rock near the top of Lookout Mountain. It is a constant reminder of a time, place and experience that no Kodak moment can ever capture.

I know why the caged rooster plays piano and dances. He has to if he wants to get away from that persistent shock of the everyday routine because in the end he is rewarded for his efforts. It's part of the Great Vacation Getaway

HOTELS

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water slides; an up-scale shopping mall is on-site, too. The area also abounds with golf courses, so bring your sticks.

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KEYS TO HEARTS

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bile is also likely to be your personal signature. It tells the world where we place our values and rank our priorities in life. Do we favor practicality or panache? Do we lean toward safety or raw speed? Actually, just as they say people look like their dogs, people often tend to look like their cars as well. A leggy blonde with windswept hair climbs out of a sexy little convertible. A model-handsome guy in an expensive three-piece suit talks on his cellular in a shiny black Porsche. Or how 'bout the rugged-looking, bearded fellow in the plaid shirt? Pickup truck, right? Sure, these are clichés, but think about the people you know and how often the clichés are valid.

Historically, the kind of car one drives has symbolized one's place in the social strata. Though this is somewhat less true today—at least outside Hollywood—many of us still use our choice of motoring options to announce milestones in upward mobility. The executive who has "arrived," the supporting



actress who lands a plum movie role, the Cubs farm-hand who finally gets that call-up to Wrigley Field—typically, one of the first things they do is run out and buy a car that suits their new standing in life.

Certainly one of the first things *I* did after getting the advance for my second book was find my way to the nearest showroom that contained a Corvette. I then equipped my toy with vanity plates that bore the inscription, BY MY BK. The car was nothing less than my inflated self-image rendered in shimmery golden fiberglass.

Looking back a decade later, I am embarrassed by the memory—especially since I later found it necessary to unburden myself of the car's \$400 monthly price tag. At the time, however, flushed with the thrill of success, a Corvette seemed altogether reasonable. Indeed, it seemed necessary. I remember nights when I would just stand in my garage, alone, and stare at the car from different angles, as a new father might stare at his infant son asleep in the crib.

Such is the bond that long-time *Car* & *Driver* writer Brock Yates had in mind when he observed, in a recent keynote article for *Life*, that the automobile enjoys "anthropomorphic status" among Americans. We project human qualities onto our cars. We treat them less like machines than like pets: They are "stubborn" or "sassy" or "faithful." Some of us, says Yates, go so far as to "give [our cars] names." Needless to say, these are not eccentricities we indulge in with any of the other conveniences of modern life.

I mean, I have yet to meet anyone who named his refrigerator.

For my money, though, the answer to the riddle of the automobile's loving hold on us has to do with its unique ability to combine two abiding human passions that are normally incompatible: security and escape. In terms of security, it can be proposed that our cars represent wombs on wheels. We tuck ourselves inside them, fasten the seatbelts around us, immerse ourselves in the reassuring blare of our stereosmuch like an embryo draws comfort from his mother's heartbeat. (Consider the Chevy slogan: "The Heartbeat of America." Coincidence?) No matter what else may be going on in our lives, the car is a refuge. Get behind the wheel, pop a tape or a CD in the dash, and life is good. At least until you're stuck behind some 18-wheeler, or that idiot in the Porsche cuts you off for the third time....

Which brings me to the part about

escape—for if cars are indeed mechanical wombs, they are singularly mobile ones. A friend of mine contends that part of the automobile's enduring has to do with the concept of "unreachability." As she puts it, "When we were teenagers, the car was the only place authority figures couldn't track us down." Now, alas, with the advent of cellular technology, this has become less true-but I still think there's something to be said for my friend's notion. I recall when I was a salesman, I loved the idea of being "on the road." There, at least, I was temporarily insulated from customers' complaints or order cancellations, temporarily unable to hear my office staff tell me they'd stuck in another appointment at 8 p.m., temporarily unable to get a message from my wife detailing what new mischief my son had gotten into at school.

This sense of escape becomes increasingly important as our lives become more structured. The older we get, and the more responsibilities we assume, the less control we seem to have over our lives. Thus the more important it becomes to cut pockets of freedom into the straitjackets of our daily lives. So if the boss screams at us all day long, and our wives tell us what to do when we're at home, and the kids seem to spend their entire lives dreaming up ways to avoid doing what they're supposed to do, well, at least when we get behind the wheel, we're in charge, we make the calls: The car goes where we point it, without back-talk, without questions, without hesitation, without second-guessing.

On the road—if almost nowhere else in life—we are the masters of our fate. Which may explain why the "irresistible" logic of carpooling has never really captured the public imagination.

For that matter, surely our passion for the auto also helps explain why, through the years, cars have held their own against assault on every front: pollution, soaring fuel costs, mechanical safety, the too-common tendency for some of us to get behind the wheel when we are in no condition to drive.

Today, America's highways are crisscrossed by some 200 million registered vehicles, operated (with varying degrees of competency) by some 175 million licensed drivers. In some major cities, during rush hour, it may seem that all of those millions of cars are there at once, and in your lane, to boot.

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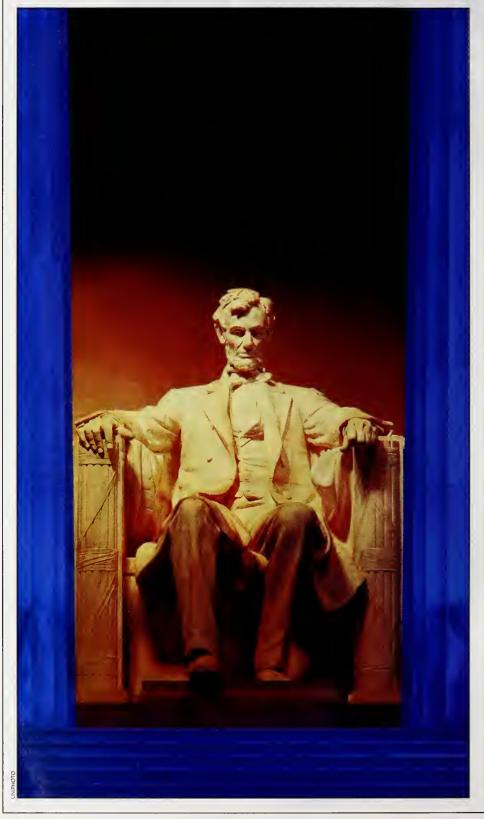
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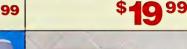
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No amount of high-minded rhetoric emanating from Washington could obscure the fact that large categories of Americans remained barred from the democratic process. Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation of January 1863 freed the slaves, but it was not until two years and hundreds of thousands of deaths later that blacks began to be assimilated into the democracy. And nearly a century after Lincoln officially ended the second-class status of blacks, Rosa Parks still had to fight for her seat in the front of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama.

Just as blacks spent many decades throwing off the figurative shackles of slavery, others had to carve out their fair share of American democracy. Thanks to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony and others, women's suffrage became a reality in 1920 with ratification of the 19th Amendment. More decades would pass before society recognized and formalized a child's right not to be exploited in some dismal sweat shop.

America has a ways to go, of course. Civil-rights advocates argue that we still have not fulfilled the promise of Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered before nearly a quarter-million nonviolent protesters at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial in August 1963. Feminists would make a similar claim.

But we keep on trying. If we have not yet achieved the reality, at least we subscribe to the goal, and that is what links us with Lincoln and King and Madison and the hopeful Athenians long before. In this sense, we owe a debt to all those throughout history who put forward their grand designs of what democracy and freedom should be, for those are the eternal ideals that sustain us through the transient crises and failures.

As sociologist Eli Sagan writes, "If a democratic society, though it be an imperfect reality, is moving toward a perfect equality; if it contains within its system of values a goal toward which it is striving; if the ideal has importance equal to the reality-if all this is so, there is a way in which all democratic societies are related to all others, a way in which each participates in some grand, ideal historical evolution."

difference. I think it's the way an individual artist in America, someone like Edward Hopper or Marsden Hartley, is less interested in pretty decorative surfaces and more concerned about finding emotional and psychological truths beneath the surface.'

Dowling's view of American theater is similar. He describes the true American voice as "questioning and angry." Our young playwrights, like Arthur Miller and Edward Albee before them, are asking difficult questions about the world we live in. "At its best," says Dowling, "the American theater holds up a mirror that says there are many wonderful things but also things which fall apart."

Despite their disagreements on how to fund the arts, all four agree on the freedom of American artists to find their own way.

Dowling recounts a conversation with a German director who described the vast sums Germany pours into the arts. "It helps us keep perspective and expose excesses," the director explained to Dowling. "We do it so that what happened in Germany will never happen again.'

For Dowling, as for many others, "Art makes us think and open our minds. It celebrates our freedom to complain and argue and protest."

As John Kennedy wrote, "Above all, we are coming to understand that the arts incarnate the creativity of a free people.... When the creative impulse cannot flourish, when it cannot freely select its methods and objects, when it is deprived of spontaneity, then society severs the root of art.

"Yet this fact surely imposes an obligation on those who acclaim the freedom of their own society...so that what freedom makes possible, a free society will make necessary.'

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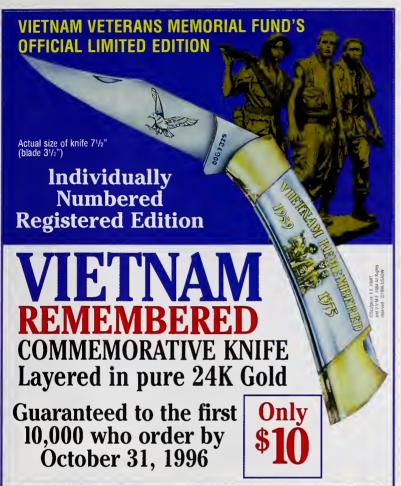
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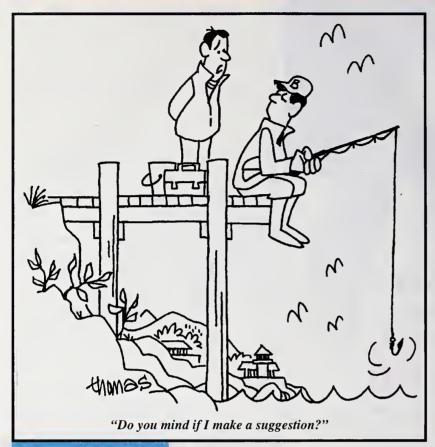
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Two teenagers were touring a modern art gallery and found themselves alone in a room of avant garde sculpture. Staring at the twisted metal, shattered glass and disjointed figures, one of the youths turned to his companion and said, "Let's get out of here before they accuse us of wrecking this joint."

Wander Lost

When I was very young and the urge to be someplace else was on me, I was assured by mature people that maturity would cure this itch.

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—John Steinbeck, Travels With Charley

Ink-consistent

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-Lincoln Stevens, Autobiography

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Democracy's Downfall?

One of the evils of democracy is you have to put up with a man you elect—whether you elect him or not.

—Will Rogers, The Autobiography of Will Rogers

Sportsmanship

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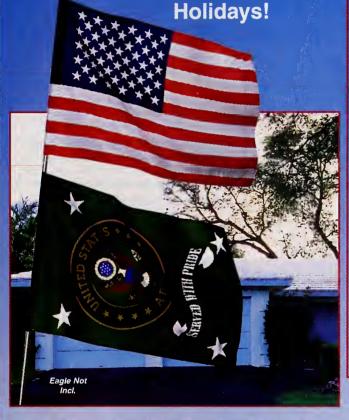


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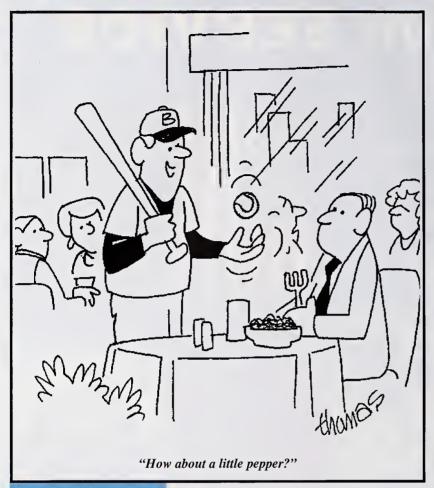




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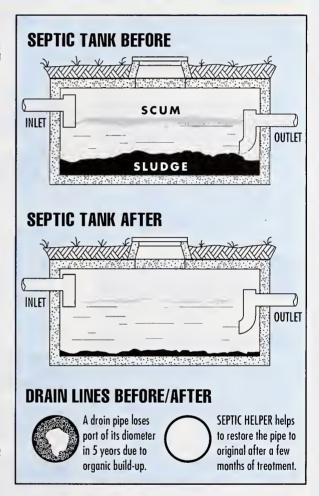
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